

Missionaries Of Cooperative Program

By Tom Greene
SBC Stewardship Commission
Largest Seminary in
South America

"The International Baptist Theological Seminary in Buenos Aires, Argentina, has more than one hundred regularly enrolled and over forty special students," said Missionary Cecil L. Thompson.

"This seminary ranks among the largest of Latin American training centers. Its enrollment was only thirty-five when it began in 1953 as an international seminary. It is recognized as one of the leading evangelical institutions in Latin America.

"Through this seminary you have a vital role in the Baptist witness in the southern part of the western hemisphere.

"Some incorrectly believe that the Lottie Moën Christmas Offering makes possible the construction of all buildings needed on the mission field. However, this was not the case with the seminary.

"Housed originally in a building designed for 120 dormitory students, the seminary was constructed by funds that came largely through the regular channel of the Cooperative Program.

"This is as it should be, because all mission work of prime importance must be regularly undergirded by the week-to-week efforts of all the churches. The best way yet devised to do this is by means of constant participation through the Cooperative Program."

Italian and Spanish
Speaking Church

"The Armenia Baptist Church of Tampa, Florida, is served by home missionary, Armando Silverio. Through this church many are won to Christ," said William R. Doyle.

"Without the Cooperative Program there would be no ministry to this foreign speaking group in Tampa. There would be no church and no paid pastor on the field.

"One interesting sidelight on the only Italian Baptist Church in the South is their ministry to the Cuban refugees through the kindergarten program of the church.

"Frequently, children who are unable to speak English are accepted in the church program, and learn about Jesus.

sus. Often the parents of the children are won to Christ because of the children's acceptance of Jesus."

Serving Soldiers and
Nationals in Viet Nam
"We are here because thousands of Baptist Christians love and sacrifice and give to make it possible for those who accept God's call to go where He leads," said Missionary Samuel James of Viet Nam.

"As a pastor, I thought I knew the value of the Cooperative Program. Since coming out here, I realize that my appreciation of the Cooperative Program had only scratched the surface. The Cooperative Program is not a Southern Baptist Plan. It is God's plan through Southern Baptists."

"All because silent as one
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Churches Urged To Increase CP Giving

By Chester L. Quarles
Executive Sec.-Treas.
Miss. Baptist Convention
Board

More Mississippi Baptists believe in the wisdom of contributing to World Missions through the Cooperative Program than ever before. This is evidenced by the fact that more churches are contributing every month and the amounts continually increase. This would not happen if our people did not have confidence in the program.

Some few churches and individual Baptists have been circulated in the past. When correct information about our work has gotten to the good people there has been

understanding and continued cooperation.

The Cooperative Program remains the best means through which an individual Baptist or church can make his or its influence felt in our world program of evangelism and missions.

Last week the writer observed the commitment service of eighteen new foreign missionaries in Richmond, Virginia. It is a thrilling experience—young couples saying to Southern Baptists: "Won't you match our lives with your money?"

For more than twenty years our churches have annually increased the amount given. What is your church planning for this coming church year?

SBC Cooperative Program Gifts Up

By Porter Routh, Executive
Secretary-Treasurer

Executive Committee, SBC
Mississippi Baptists have answered the charges of provincialism time and time again by the giving of life, money, and influence in sharing the gospel of Jesus Christ to the ends of the earth.

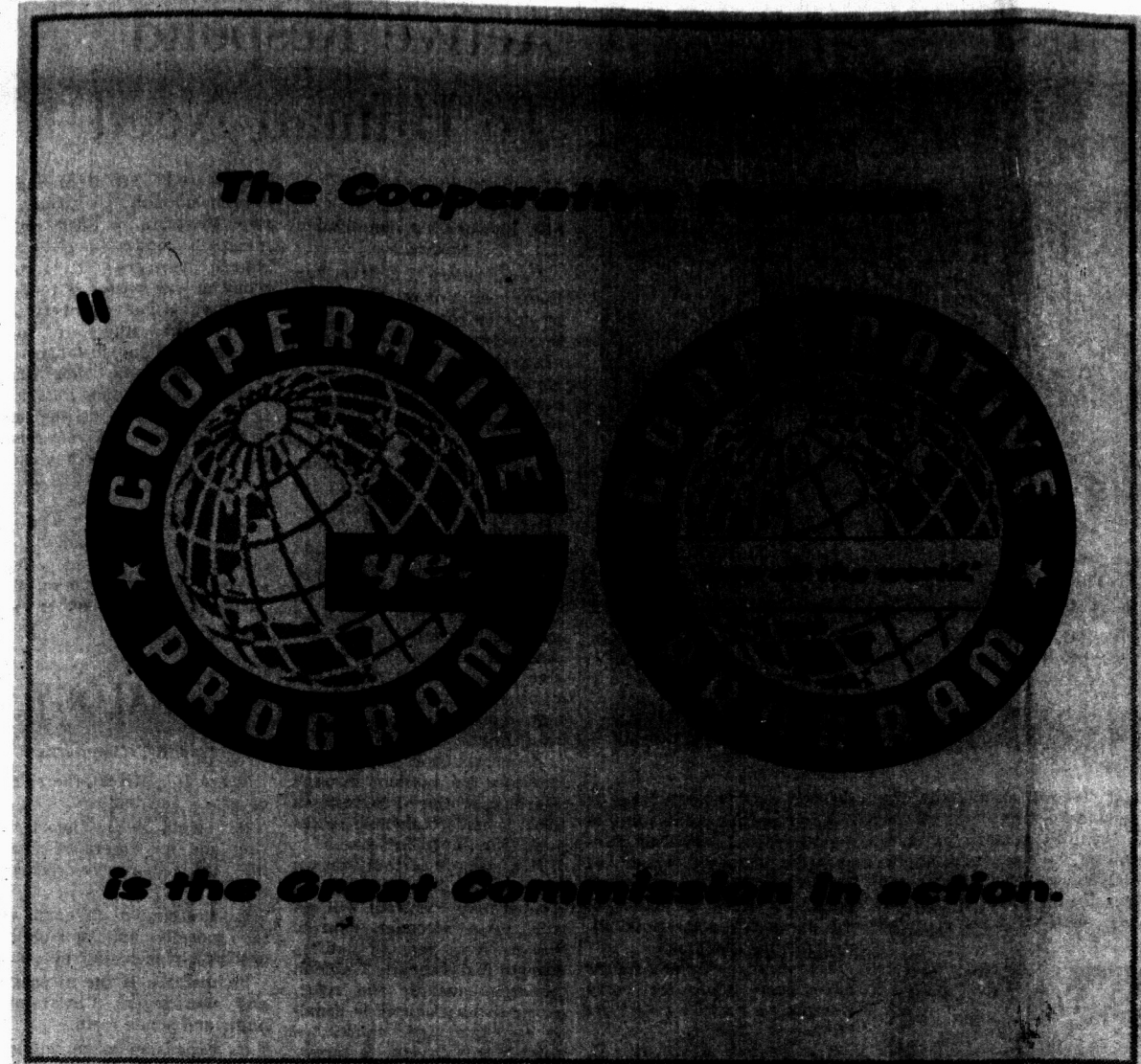
Mississippi Baptists have given dedicated lives in mission volunteers. You have provided for their training in Mississippi colleges and the seminaries. You have provided for their ministry through the Home Mission Board and the Foreign Mission Board as they have gone to the ends of the earth.

Battles are yet to be won. The disturbing facts are that the world population is growing out of proportion to the Christian population. Much of the world population growth is taking place in communist

dominated countries. We have seen the effects of communist infiltration and its allied forces of secularism and materialism in our own country. We have been disturbed by our own sin of indifference and lethargy in facing the challenge of the doors for Christian witness in today's world.

Mississippi Baptists can find encouragement in the fact that the increase in the Cooperative Program for Southern Baptist Convention causes has been 9.44 during the first nine months of 1966 over the same period in 1965. This kind of increase can be assured for 1967 if each church will plan to increase the amount going for world missions through the Cooperative Program.

Progress must be planned. Plans must be motivated by knowledge and empowered through prayer.



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Cooperative Program Basic

The Cooperative Program—the principal channel of mission giving of Mississippi and Southern Baptists—is basic to the entire program of missions, education and benevolences of the denomination.

The Baptist Record is this week publishing its annual Cooperative Program issue and is giving special prominence and space to it because of the growing importance of the Cooperative Program as the missionary lifeline of the denomination.

Page one is being given over entirely to the mission

emphasis in addition to many columns on the inside.

The emphasis includes several articles by Southern Baptist and state Baptist leaders in addition to a series of testimonies by several outstanding state laymen.

Cooperative Program pictures and art work are also in evidence.

The usual general page one news is found this week on page three, giving the paper in effect two page ones this week.

The month of October closes the 1965-66 convention year

and the churches are urged to give generously in order that this year's budget of \$3,240,000 may be reached.

The new 1966-67 convention year begins Nov. 1 and the Convention Board has adopted a record \$3,470,000 Cooperative Program budget which will be submitted to the State Convention in November for final consideration.

The Cooperative Program is basic to the entire mission program of the denomination as it provides about two-thirds of the total mission contribution.

Cooperative Program gifts are divided proportionately among all causes supported by the Mississippi and Southern Baptist Convention.

Total mission contributions include Cooperative Program, special offerings and designated gifts.

The Cooperative Program was adopted by the Southern Baptist Convention as its principal channel of mission giving when it met in nearby Memphis in 1925.

Dr. R. B. Gunter, Mississippi Baptists' executive secretary for many years, was instrumental in this significant action.

Mississippi Baptists had used a program similar to the Cooperative Program prior to 1925.

The Cooperative Program has been used successfully by Mississippi and Southern Baptists throughout the years. It has grown consistently.

The Cooperative Program is basic as it forms the backbone of the denomination's mission program.

The several special offerings authorized by the denomination are supplemental to the Cooperative Program and comprise about one-third of the total mission gifts.

All designated gifts go directly to the causes for which they are so marked.

FMB Serves 62 Nations

By Baker J. Cauthen
Executive Secretary,
SBC Foreign Mission Board
We are grateful for the large share Mississippi Baptists have in world missions through the Cooperative Program.

Already we are at work in 62 countries, and it seems evident that within the next year other countries will be entered. Doors are now open in many parts of the world, but must be entered soon if the opportunities are to be served.

Missionaries in these countries are engaged in preaching the gospel of Christ and

growing New Testament churches. They devote themselves to training Christian leaders, distributing Christian literature, sharing the message of redemption by radio and television, and reaching out in love toward suffering humanity through medical services and benevolent ministries.

Through the Cooperative Program each church is able to multiply its outreach. Each church in the fellowship of the Southern Baptist Convention ministers in its own locality, but through the Cooperative Program it is able actually to reach out to 62

countries in service for our Lord. Just as definitely as the church is at work in its own immediate field, it is at work in 62 other lands.

Let us multiply our ministries through the Cooperative Program. Then let us multiply the effectiveness of what we give through intercessory prayer. Our Lord, who took the five loaves and two fishes and fed the multitude, can take our gifts and multiply them on divine dimensions that lives may be blessed and praises may abound to the ends of the earth.

COOPERATIVE PROGRAM ISSUE

Homeland Work Grows

By Arthur Ratledge,
Executive Secretary,
Home Mission Board

The Cooperative Program has provided the Home Mission Board the basic support needed to develop a many-sided mission program which has more than 2300 missionaries in all of the United States, Panama, Cuba and Puerto Rico. The annual Annie Armstrong Offering, together with other designated

contributions which are made from time to time, are of immeasurable help, but it is the Cooperative Program which provides the steady month by month support for the ongoing of the mission programs of the Board.

Additional resources have been provided by Southern Baptists and this has made possible an expansion of mission efforts into broad geographical areas, into needy

economic areas, and into challenging cultural, racial, moral, and religious areas.

Modern society is characterized by change—constant and all embracing. Change must be dealt with in missionary work, under the leadership of the Holy Spirit, primarily through increased financial resources, an enlarged force of missionaries in the field, and constant effort.
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Mississippi Laymen Speak Out On The Cooperative Program

Legislator Approves

By Ralph Herrin, Collins
Miss. House of Representatives
Being a New Testament Christian, I believe the Lord meant what he said in Malachi 3:10: "Bring ye all the tithes into the storehouse, that there may be meat in mine house, and prove me now herewith, saith the Lord of hosts, if I will not open you the windows of heaven, and pour you out a blessing, that there shall not be room enough to receive it." I am a living example that the above promise will work.

The Cooperative Program is not man's plan for raising money, but God's plan for raising his children, and serves his needs around the world. In our Cooperative Program we share systematically and proportionately in his service for the benefit of all mankind. It is the best method ever devised to keep God's part separated from our part. It can surely be called the separator of the Portion. Men have always taken God's part, and by giving cooperatively, all his plan gets a part.

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Doctor Prescribes It

By W. W. Walley, M.D., Waynesboro
Many years ago I came to realize in my own personal life that you cannot outgive God. I found out that the more you give to Him and to his work, the more you have for your own personal needs. This is in addition to the deep soul-satisfying knowledge that you have done what you ought to have done.

More recently I have found out that the same holds true for a church. In 1951 when I joined the First Baptist Church at Waynesboro, where I am now a member, our total receipts for the year were less than \$22,000 and we were not giving systematically to the Cooperative Program. Several years later we committed ourselves to a definite percentage and a promise to increase the percentage by 2% each year. We have kept our commitment and we have prospered. This year, 1966, we are giving 20% of our undesignated offering and our total receipts for the year are in excess of \$66,000. This increase in total giving and consequent increase in cooperative gifts is out of proportion to the growth of our church.

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Lawyer Likes It

By George J. Thornton, Attorney, Kosciusko
I am a great believer in the Cooperative Program. My reasons for this opinion are many but I will mention only a few.

1. Southern Baptists sponsor many causes through the Cooperative Program which are Biblically based. Consequently, the contributor with his tithes and offerings is enabled to have a part in each one of these ministries which God has commanded His church to perform.

2. The Cooperative Program is designed to support the different phases of the denominational work on the basis of need. This is not to say that the full need can possibly be met in any area which we minister but it is done ratably with comparative needs in view. Consider what a tremendous unbalance there would be were it not for the Cooperative Program. Some program might get a vast majority of designated gifts and others equally worthy while might be neglected. The individual giver and tither cannot possibly be in possession of facts so as to intelligently, personally divide

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An Editor Reasons

By Henry Harris, West Point
Editor, Daily Times Leader
Pull up your chair of reasoning for a moment. Try that rocker over there.

Now you men know that your school can have the finest team in the conference—but you'll never win a game if you send only one player at a time onto the field. And you ladies know that all the needed ingredients for a delicious cake can be measured and ready—but nothing happens until they are blended.

So with our churches. No one church, alone, can maintain our seminaries, hospitals, orphanages, and mission programs around the world. But together we can... and do. It's a glorious realization!

That rocking chair has a dual foundation. If either rocker is missing, movement ceases. Every forward moving church needs (1) a strong local program, and (2) a strong mission drive through the Cooperative Program.

Why both? First, we must keep young Christians coming into our churches. And "young Christians" come in all ages. This

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MISSIONARIES TELL OF CP

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tough, young Korean sergeant began to speak with evident emotion. "You know, we are just about as far out in this world as a man can go. We just can't get any farther from home, but one of the first persons I met in Viet Nam was the Southern Baptist missionary."

"During my year here I have prayed, studied the Bible, fellowshiped, and found inspiration to keep going with the help of these missionaries who are busy with the natives, as well as helping us."

"I used to doubt the value of world missions, but now I know why the missionaries are here even in Viet Nam," concluded the sergeant.

Missionary James continued, "I am here also because of the overwhelming need of a very lost and dying people."

You Provide Missionary's Salary

Without salaries for the missionaries, there would be very little mission work accomplished.

"It is my understanding that the missionaries' salaries are all paid from the Cooperative Program funds," said Missionary Edward Humphrey of Nigeria.

You are providing these funds as your church gives a part of your offering each week through the Cooperative Program.

"I think that one of the most meaningful aspects of the Cooperative Program in our work is that it provides for the support of many colleagues who constitute the effective witness of our mission in this land," concluded Missionary Humphrey.

Bibles for Those Who Have Never Owned One

"At a mission meeting I attended several years ago, I requested the money to buy Bibles for the university graduates who came to our church," said Missionary Mattie Lou Bible.

"Among them was the president of the Catholic University Student organization and a big Communist leader in the university. The Bibles were well received by these students."

"As you Baptists at home were giving through the Cooperative Program, we were using a portion of your gifts to place a copy of God's word in the hands of university graduates who have never owned a Bible. Thank you."

Ministers' Day At Whitfield October 27

Dr. Granger Westberg will be the principal speaker for Ministers' Day at Mississippi State Hospital, Whitfield, on Thursday, October 27. Dr. Westberg's theme for the day will be, "A New Look at the Church's Responsibility in the Mental Health Field."

Dr. Westberg is Dean of the Institute of Religion of the The Texas Medical Center in Houston, Texas, and professor of Religion and Medicine, Baylor College of Medicine.

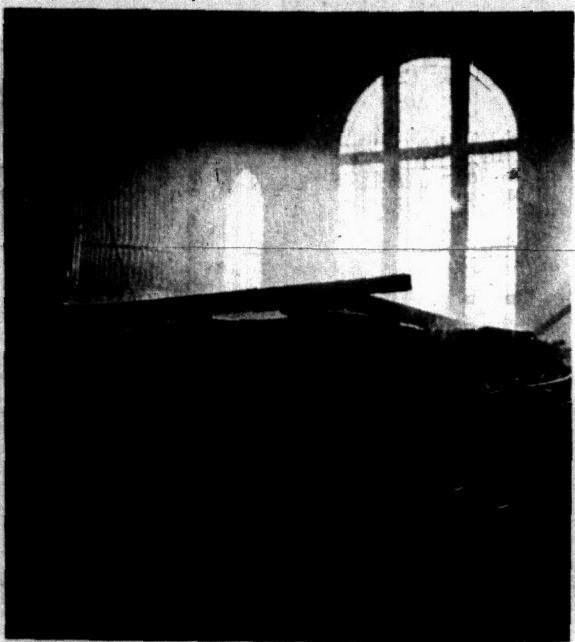
He grew up in Chicago and attended George Williams College, Augustana College, Lutheran School of Theology and the University of Chicago.

An important part of the program will be C. Seth Hudspeth, Executive Secretary of the Board of Trustees of Mental Institutions, who will present and discuss "The Mississippi Mental Health Plan."

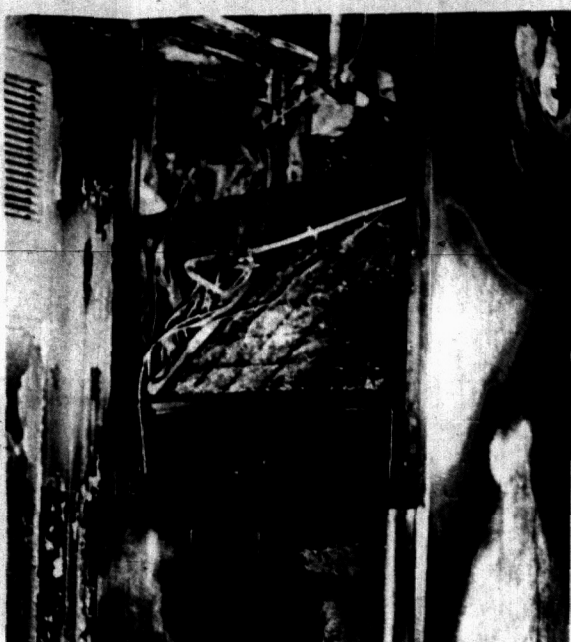
The program will begin at 9 a.m. and conclude at 3:15 p.m. All ministers throughout the state are invited.



Dr. G. E. Westberg



THE INTERIOR OF THE SANCTUARY of First Church, Water Valley, is pictured directly after the fire was brought under control.



THE AIR CONDITIONER in the vestibule at First Church, Water Valley, is where the fire started.

FIRE DAMAGES 1ST, WATER VALLEY

First Church, Water Valley, burned October 4. Fire was discovered shortly before 5 A.M. and was brought under control by the fire departments of Water Valley, Coffeeville, and Oxford about 9

A.M. Damage has been estimated in excess of \$100,000. Much of the equipment and furnishings were saved by the united efforts of the community, but extensive damage was done to the organ, pews

and other furnishings in the auditorium area. The fire started in the vestibule of the sanctuary, apparently in an air conditioner and traveled the whole area of the attic, with the worst damage

directly over the sanctuary.

A committee consisting of Paul Parker, Harry Fair, Ernie Aune, Claud Wood and Earl Carothers has been appointed to study the extent of the damage and the possibilities for the building.

Temporary arrangements have been made for early worship services in First Methodist Church.

The pastor, Rev. Joel E. Haire, states there is a wonderful spirit of concern shared throughout the city and state. He expresses his appreciation for all that everyone has done and for their prayers and concern, and adds that the people of the church are united in a spirit of determination and will not be discouraged by the loss.

Gore Springs Calls Minister Of Music-Youth

Gore Springs Church has called Wayne Miller of Baton Rouge, La., as new minister of music and youth. He is a senior at Clarke College and will enter Mississippi College following graduation in the spring. Mr. Miller is engaged to Miss Anna Johnson of Pelahatchie, who will assist him in his work following their marriage on Oct. 28. Work on the Christmas cantata is now underway.

Mr. Miller began his new work with Gore Springs on Oct. 1. Rev. M. S. Rogers is pastor.

Active Response To Human Need

By Merrill D. Moore
Executive Director
SBC Stewardship Commission
Nashville

Never before, I believe, has there been a more widespread or deeper concern that greater support through the Cooperative Program for all missionary, educational and benevolent work undertaken by Baptists be achieved. This may be in part an affirmative reaction against fragmentation of effort, extremism in designated support for special causes, inordinate emphasis on the desires and needs of one's self and one's own church, domination of materialistic values in our culture, spiritual indifference and neglect. It is an active response in consequence of obvious human need, Christian concern, and simple mathematics.

A concern that your church do more for missions through the cooperative Program in 1967 is understandable, commendable, and Christlike.

It is almost certain that an increase in gifts through the Cooperative Program will result in a stronger church. Dead Sea keeping stifles growth and strength. Galilean giving means life and vigor. A missionary church is usually an evangelistic church, a ministering church, a growing church, a vigorous church.

An increase in gifts from your church through the Cooperative Program will also mean visible, encouraging and continuing support for the missionaries in our land and around the world. Their "living" is provided primarily by your gifts through the Cooperative Program.

Value of Increase Seen

Since an important part of facilities for your missionary workers is provided through the Cooperative Program an increase in these gifts will mean that more of greatly needed facilities and tools may be made available to them.

From experience it has been learned that increased gifts through the Cooperative Program will strengthen your Christian educational institutions. At present the source of most significant support for these institutions is found in your gifts through the Cooperative Program, and a most hopeful source for the increase in current funds is this same Cooperative Program channel.

Increased gifts from your church through the Cooperative Program in 1967 will mean a better brand of church members. The testimony of one pastor is representative: "The members of my church who are my strength and joy just happen to be the same ones who have evangelistic and missionary concern, and just happen to be those who are concerned that we do more for missions through the Cooperative Program."

Let us not forget, too, that increased gifts through the Cooperative Program offer the best hope for men on this earth to dwell together in peace.

AN ANALOGY

By Claude T. Ammerman

There is a River—the river of grace and truth.

Its origin is the heart of God and its waters at flood tide, the redemptive work of Christ.

Its destination on earth is the morally and spiritually destitute places and peoples.

Its medium is the message and messengers Christ ordains and sends forth.

Its expansion is an unfolding revelation, a deepening devotion and a growing kingdom.

Its blessing is transformed lives, satisfied souls, and fruitful labors.

There is a Channel—the channel of the Cooperative Program.

Its conception is the compassionate concern of a people called Baptists.

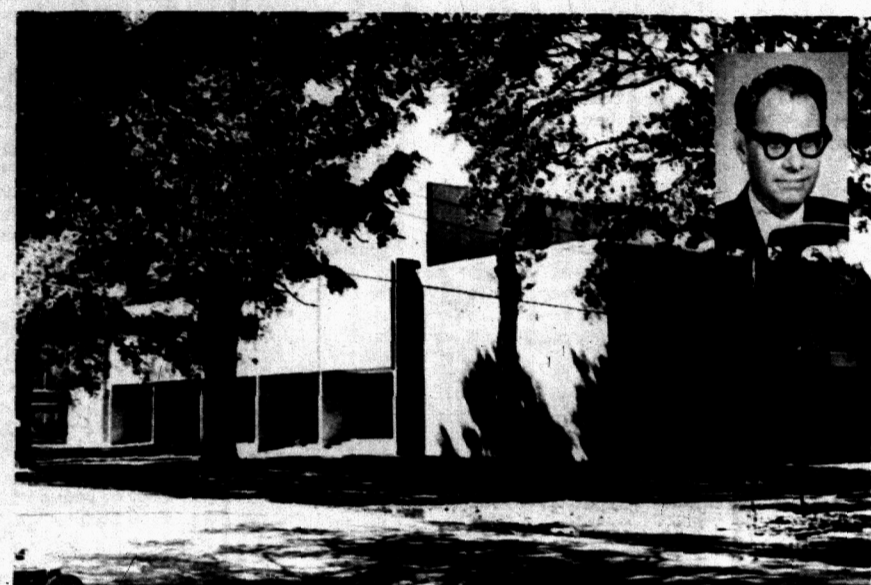
Its purpose is to be a lifeline between each church and each cause, each Christian and each need.

Its gifts are money and men, love and truth, faith and hope in the name of Christ.

Its dimension is the measure of our love and obedience, our sacrifice and service.

Its benefit is a united and unifying effort in the spread of the Gospel, the establishment of churches, and a manifold ministry.

Of the 5.3 million households added, 2.8 million are headed by a married man and wife; 2 million, by a female head; and 0.5, by a male head without his wife.



THOMAS FINE ARTS CENTER on the William Carey College campus will be dedicated in a special Baptist Convocation on Sunday afternoon, Oct. 23, at 3 p.m. A week of dedicatory activities will follow. Dr. Earl Kelly, guest speaker, is shown in insert.

Week Of Activities Will Surround Dedication Of Carey Fine Arts Center

A week of special dedicatory activities surrounding the opening of Thomas Fine Arts Center on the William Carey College campus will begin at

3:00 p.m. on Sunday, October 23. Other outstanding events of the week will include a performance by the Birmingham Symphony Orchestra, a presentation by the Four Freshmen, nationally popular singing group, and the first of the Hattiesburg Community Concert Series, coloratura soprano Gianna D'Angelo.

According to President J. Ralph Noonkester, the new \$700,000 Thomas Center will be officially dedicated in a special Baptist Convocation on Sunday afternoon with the president of the Mississippi Baptist Convention as guest speaker. Dr. Earl Kelly, pastor, First Holly Springs, and president, Mississippi Baptist Convention, will address the audience in the elaborate 1200-seat auditorium which occupies a large portion of the new building. This will be preceded by a ribbon-cutting ceremony and the unveiling of an oil portrait of Mr. and Mrs. R. B. Thomas, for whom the building has been named. The painting is a gift to the college from Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Carpenter of Brownwood, Texas, daughter and son-in-law of the Thomases. The portrait was done by an artist at Neiman-Marcus in Dallas.

The dedication program will include the premier of a major choral work by Benjamin Dunford, professor of music theory at the college. The work, Psalm 133, subtitled "A song of the worshiping universe," was written for chorus, baritone solo, organ, brass and percussion. The 80-voice chorus will be conducted by Donald Winters, head of the Division of Fine Arts; Ted Beverly will be the baritone soloist.

On Monday evening, October 24, a dedicatory concert will be presented by the famed Birmingham Symphony Orchestra which will be performing for the first time in Hattiesburg. Under the direction of conductor Amerigo Marino, the Birmingham Symphony will have as its guest performer Dr. John Sinclair of the Carey faculty. Dr.

Sinclair, a widely acclaimed concert pianist, will perform Liszt's Piano Concerto No. 2 in E-flat major. Tickets are available for \$2.50 and may be purchased at the following places in Hattiesburg: The Essex House, Fine Brothers-Matison Company, Johnson Music Store, Roseberry Piano House, Waldoff's on Pine, and the box office of Thomas Fine Arts Center itself. Tickets also are available by mail.

On Thursday evening, October 27, the Student Government Association will sponsor a special performance of the Four Freshmen. Under the leadership of Student Government president Jerry Barlow, the Four Freshmen, a nationally popular singing group, will perform for the first SGA sponsored activity. Tickets are on sale in the Student Affairs Office of the college for \$1.10 (student) and \$2.20 (adult).

The week of special activities will be concluded on Monday evening, October 31, as the Hattiesburg Community Concert Association presents the first of their events of the season, a performance by Gianna D'Angelo. Miss D'Angelo is a coloratura soprano of the Metropolitan Opera. Admission to this will be by Community Concert Association season tickets.

"Of the ten buildings that we have built on our campus in the past ten years," commented President Noonkester, "the Thomas Fine Arts Center is by far our most significant. It will add an element to our campus that will not only heighten the cultural level of our college family, but will benefit all the citizens of south Mississippi. Our stage is the largest and best equipped of any in the entire area. It is our prayer that we may use it wisely and make it a blessing to others for many, many years to come."

The greater portion of the funds made available for the building of Thomas Fine Arts Center came from the special 1963 Development Campaign which raised \$700,000 for the college.



MAKING PLANS for Blue Mountain's High School Week End of October 28-30 are these freshmen officers and their co-sponsors. Front row, left to right: Misses Betty Price and Janice Bottoms, co-sponsors of the Freshman Class of Blue Mountain College, and Sandra Starmer, Rome, Italy, secretary of the class. Standing, left to right: Martha Nell Upchurch, Macon, vice-president; Claudia Leggett, Blytheville, Arkansas, president, and Kathy McKinney, North Miami, Florida, treasurer.

BMC Announces High School Weekend

Blue Mountain College announces that its official high school week end will be held October 28-30. Ninety-eight freshmen will play host to the many high school juniors and seniors who will gather on the campus from Mississippi and other states.

A committee of 75 freshmen, headed by Miss Claudia Leggett, Blytheville, Arkansas, President of the class,

will assume responsibilities and privileges of hospitality for High School Week End. Other officers of the Freshman class are as follows: Vice-President, Martha Nell Upchurch, Macon; Secretary, Sandra Starmer, Rome, Italy; and Treasurer, Kathy McKinney, North Miami, Florida. Co-Sponsors of the class are Misses Janice Bottoms, Assistant Director of Physical Education, and Betty Price, Alumnae Secretary and Assistant Director of Admissions.

The following highlights of High School Week End will be of interest to all guests for the occasion:

Friday Night, October 28—Fall Speech Production, "Everyman", at 8:00 p.m., Lowrey Memorial Church; Refreshments, Gallery, 10:00 p.m.

Sunday, October 30—Sunday School in College freshman classes; Church Service; Lunch at 12:30; and farewell on front campus.

Tours of the Campus, 10:30-12:30 a.m.; Picnic Lunch, 12:30; Tea, Armstrong, Home of the President, 5:00 p.m.; Supper, 5:30 p.m., Ray Dining Hall; Vespers, 6:15 p.m.; Speech Production, "Everyman", second performance, 8:00 p.m., Lowrey Memorial Church; Refreshments, Gallery, 10:00 p.m.

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MOST OF THE 77 ASSOCIATIONS will have held their 1966 meetings by the end of this week. Among those gathering last week was the Jackson County group (left) enjoying dinner "on the inside" at the



Ocean Springs Church. In center photo Rev. James Ballinger, moderator of Tallahatchie County Association, is seen in action, with the clerk, Rev. James Ballinger, at the desk. In picture at right several leaders at



Kemper County have conference before session starts. Frontleft: Rev. T. E. Darnell, vice-moderator; Rev. J. P. Bush, moderator; Rev. Lester Jones, superintendent of missions, and Rev. Harold B. Harris.

Baptist Leaders Confer On Education Policies

WASHINGTON (BP)—One hundred and sixty Baptists from nine denominational groups met here for a three-day consultation on "The Role of the Christian Through Church and State in Education."

The occasion was the 10th annual Religious Liberty Conference sponsored by the Baptist Joint Committee on Public Affairs. C. Emanuel Carlson is the executive director.

The three areas of discussion were religious education, public education, and higher education.

Albert McClellan, program planning secretary of the Executive Committee of the Southern Baptist Convention, presiding at the concluding plenary session, said that

over the past decade a changed methodology has been introduced into Baptist life by these annual conferences.

Baptists have shifted from a traditional polemical approach to problems and issues to the process of dialogue and consultation, McClellan said. This is an advance over the outdated "anecdotal" method of arriving at conclusions, he said.

James M. Sapp, director of correlation services for the Baptist Joint Committee, explained that the findings of the conference are "in no sense official." He said that the reports of the various sections are binding on no one.

The conference reports are

PROTEST FIRING OF POSTMAN WHO WOULDN'T WORK SUNDAYS

MERCHANTVILLE, N. J. (RNS)—Postmaster General Lawrence F. O'Brien has been called on to review the case of a Netherlands Reformed Church member who lost his Post Office job because he refused to work on Sundays.

Dr. Samuel A. Jeanes, general secretary of the Lord's Day Alliance of New Jersey, told Mr. O'Brien in a letter that the dismissal of Adrian Vroegedewey of Clifton, N.J., was a violation of the Civil Rights Act.

The Act holds it is unlawful for an employer "to fail or refuse to hire or to discharge any individual, or otherwise to discriminate against any individual with respect to his compensation, terms, conditions, or privileges of employment, because of such individual's race, color, religion, sex or national origin."

Sunday School Board Joins Baptist Press

NASHVILLE (BP)—The Sunday School Board of the Southern Baptist Convention begins channeling its news through Baptist Press, news service of the SBC, effective Nov. 1.

On that date, the Office of Denominational Relations at the Sunday School Board officially becomes a bureau of the Baptist Press news service, the fourth such bureau or regional office in the Baptist Press news network.

Lynn M. Davis, newly appointed supervisor of the editorial section in the board's Office of Denominational Relations, will be chief of the Sunday School Board Bureau for the Baptist Press.

The working arrangement

between the denomination's news service and the Sunday School Board was set up by W. C. Fields of Nashville, director of Baptist Press and public relations secretary for the SBC Executive Committee, and by Gomer Lesh, director of the board's Office of Denominational Relations.

Fields, who is responsible for the overall national policy of the Baptist Press, said that the new arrangement will have two important effects:

(1) It will provide more complete and satisfactory coverage of board-related news by both the denominational press and the secular press, and (2) help provide a more comprehensive interpretation to all

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JUDGE DECLINES TO RULE IN TEXAS CASE

By Sam Kindrick

Dist. Judge Charles Sherrill of the 112th Judicial District (Fort Stockton, Tex.), said the case would require further study because of its "serious nature and importance."

Filing in here for 38th Dist. Judge Marvin Blackburn, who was away on other business, Judge Sherrill instructed attorneys for both sides to prepare briefs on the case for future submission to the court.

Judge Sherrill said it would be about two weeks before a ruling could be returned.

At stake were several legal issues, but they are mere preliminaries to what will probably be a prolonged battle.

Those who object to the nuns, Sisters Thekla and Henrietta Marie, teaching public school in their religious habits had filed a motion asking the court to allow them to take depositions from the

nuns.

San Antonio Attorney Pat Maloney had countered with a motion to quash the deposition request, and the day before had filed an additional petition for a declaratory judgment.

All the legal parrying seems confusing and somewhat premature, in that all administrative routes must be exhausted before any court can decide this unprecedented issue.

Opponents of the garbed nuns, however, need the depositions to state their case, first, before the Boerne School Board. If the local trustees don't resolve the matter, it would be up to the state Board of Education.

Finally, if nothing is settled through administrative channels, the case would go into district court on its merits.

Maloney told the court he objects to the petition for depositions because opposing attorneys intend to ask the nuns questions pertaining to their religious affiliations.

"In their petition they say they want to ask these young ladies if they have taken the vows of poverty, if they are wholly religious persons," Maloney said. "I say it is none of their business."

Lyndon Olson of Waco, Tex., one of three attorneys speaking for the plaintiffs, solemnly explained that his clients have no objection to the religious faith of anyone.

He contended, however, that nuns teaching in their floor-length robes constitutes religious instruction, and is in violation of the statutes which guarantee separation of church and state.

"A child asks his mother why his teacher dresses differently from other teacher," Olson told the judge. "The mother says: 'because she is a Catholic nun.' Then the child asks: 'Mother, what's a nun?'"

Olson added: "We say this is a religious instruction and in violation of the Constitution."

Richard L. Renfield, associate secretary of the Educational Policies Commission, National Education Association, addressed the conference on "American Public Education for the Future." He extolled science as the key factor in human progress and advocated "the scientific approach" to all education.

The conferees sought to identify the needs and issues in education confronting present-day Christians. They discussed basic principles that apply to these needs and issues. They then sought to set forth general guidelines for Baptist agencies in working out future policies.

Tenth Conference

This tenth Conference On Religious Liberty began the first of three annual conferences on the general theme of "The Role of the Christian Through Church and State." The conference next year will take up the subject of the welfare ministry of the Christian.

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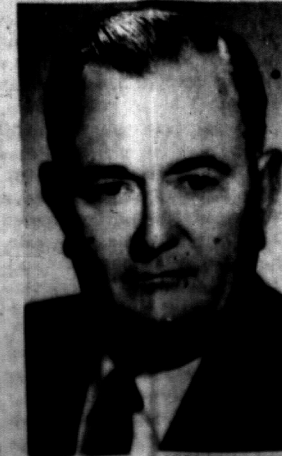
Missionaries In Nigeria Safe

All Southern Baptist missionary families in northern Nigeria are safe, according to a report just received (October 10) by the Foreign Mission Board. The communication came from a missionary who has been in contact with all Southern Baptist mission stations in the north. The Board has notified the families of the missionaries of their welfare.

The age-old tribal struggle of Africa's most populous nation has been intensified in the north over the past weeks. Missionaries are not directly involved, and there have been no evidences of antireligious feelings, according to Dr. H. Cornell Goerner, secretary for Africa for the Foreign Mission Board.



Dr. Duke K. McCall



Rev. Lucien Coleman

African Student Joins N.C. Church

WINSTON - SALEM, N.C. (BP)—An African student attending Wake Forest College (Baptist) here has joined the Wake Forest Baptist Church, calling the church's welcome after the service "one of the highlights of my life."

He is Julius A. Imosun, 35, a Nigerian and former general secretary of the Ghana Baptist Convention.

On the same day that Imosun, who also was president of the Ghana Baptist Convention, was welcomed as a new member of the Wake Forest Church here, another Baptist student from Ghana was turned away from Baptist

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U. S. COURT—Plea Denied To Tax Church

By W. Barry Garrett

WASHINGTON (BP)—The U. S. Supreme Court rejected an appeal asking that tax exemption for church-owned property be declared unconstitutional.

The appeal was made by some Maryland atheists and the Free-Thought Society of America. They contended that tax exemption for church property increased the taxes of other citizens and is in effect a tax subsidy for churches, thus violating the First Amendment of the U.S. Constitution.

The refusal to hear the case by the Supreme Court is not a ruling on whether or not it agrees with the contention of the petitioners. However, it does have the effect of allowing to stand the decision of the Court of Appeals of Maryland, which ruled that tax exemption for churches does not violate the Constitution.

In 1964, Circuit Court Judge Wilson K. Barnes of Baltimore, Md., dismissed the tax exemption case. It was appealed to the Circuit Court of Appeals of Maryland, which ruled favorably to the churches in 1965. The U. S. Supreme Court on Oct. 10, 1966 announced its refusal to hear the case.

In addition to the public authorities in Maryland who were the defendants in the case, five religious bodies were permitted to intervene as parties defendant.

They were the Roman Catholic Archbishop of Baltimore, the Convention of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the Diocese of Maryland, the United Christian Citizens, Inc., Temple Emanuel of Baltimore, and the Maryland Synod of the Lutheran Church in America.

All five of these bodies have considerable property in Maryland. In fact, church exempt property in Maryland in 1964 was valued at \$78,507,820. Tax exempt church property is approximately 2.8 per cent of the total assessed value of all Baltimore city real estate.

The Maryland statute ex-

empts from taxation by the state, counties and cities houses and buildings used exclusively for public worship, it includes parsonages and other church property.

The Court of Appeals of Maryland in a unanimous (Continued on page 4)

'Prayer' Effort Fails

WASHINGTON (BP)—The U. S. Senate has turned down another move to approve religious devotions in public schools.

Sen. R. Vance Hartke, (D., Ind.) sought to get the legislative body to amend the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965 with a statement giving "The sense of Congress" with respect to prayers in public schools.

The Senate voted to table the amendment, upon recommendation of Senate Majority Leader Mike Mansfield (D., Mont.).

Hartke's amendment would have permitted any public school system if it so chooses "to provide time during the school day for prayerful meditation if no public school official prescribes or recites the prayer which is offered."

The Indiana Senator offered an identical resolution to this in June 1962, two days after a Supreme Court decision banning compulsory prayers in the public schools.

In the debate on the Senate floor Hartke said that the purpose of his amendment was to clear up the "widespread misinterpretation" of the court's decision. He said the Supreme Court left "plenty of room for silent prayer."

Sen. Sam J. Ervin, Jr. (D., N.C.)

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Convention Planned For Montana In '68

GREAT FALLS, Montana (BP)—The Montana Southern Baptist state convention is scheduled to be formed in 1968, according to plans announced at the Montana Southern Baptist Fellowship meeting here, by Dr. Glen Braswell, Executive Secretary of the Colorado Baptist General Convention.

The convention will be comprised of churches of the four state area, Montana, Wyoming, and North and South Dakota.

At the present time these states are a part of the Colorado convention.

For some time the target date for forming this new convention has been 1970, but because of the rapid progress of the Southern Baptist work in the area, the schedule has been moved forward two years.

According to present plans the organization will be set up in 1967, with actual functioning as a new convention to begin in 1968, according to Braswell and other leaders at the fellowship meeting.

The formation of the new convention will be with the assistance of the mother convention and the Home Mission Board.

Under present Home Mission Board rules, a state or area cannot become a separate convention until it has a minimum of 70 churches and 10,000 members.

There are now 72 churches and numerous missions in the four state area, and the number of members is approaching 10,000.

For the past five years churches of Montana have had a working relationship with Mississippi, in which churches "individuals, and associations in Mississippi, have given assistance to Montana churches and missions. Leaders feel that this assistance has done much to aid in the growth of the Montana work from 20 churches and missions in 1961, when the coop-

eration began to the 41 churches and missions reported today.

According to Claude Townsend of Jackson, chairman of the Mississippi Baptist Convention Pioneer Missions Committee, and Owen Cooper, member of the committee, there probably will be no change in this relationship when the new convention is formed.

The announcement of the new plans was made at the annual meeting of the Montana Southern Baptist Fellowship, held October 10 and 11, at the first Southern Baptist Church in Great Falls.

Pastors and leaders from

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U.S.S.R. Baptists Seek Stronger Ties Abroad

MOSCOW (RNS)—A plea for closer ties with Christians abroad and for unity among Baptists in the Soviet Union was made by the secretary general of the All-Union Council of Evangelical Christians (Baptists) at its 30th national convention here.

The Rev. Alexander Karev issued the plea in reporting to 705 delegates from various parts of the USSR, according to the Soviet Novosti Press Agency (APN). Sessions were held in Moscow's only Baptist church.

Mr. Karev said that while Russian Baptists now maintain contacts with co-religionists overseas, these ties must be strengthened to guard against "modernization" in Baptist teachings and to promote the international struggle of Evangelical Christians against the threat of a new war.

"Mankind must rally to the

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JOE T. ODLE, Editor

Cooperative Program Issue

We present to you our annual Cooperative Program issue of the Baptist Record.

The Cooperative Program is continually emphasized throughout the year in your Mississippi Baptist paper, since every thing that Baptists do in missions, education, benevolence, etc., is supported through this world mission budget, but once each year we set aside an issue to give pointed and special emphasis to the program.

We choose the fall of the year for the special issue because this is the time when most churches are making their budgets for the coming year.

For several years we have used statements by Mississippi Baptist pastors as the feature articles in the Cooperative Program special issue. This year we have changed that, and have asked a representative group of laymen across the state to express their feelings concerning the program. Their response was most gratifying, and their statements are featured in this issue.

Along with these statements, we have special statements from several Southern Baptist denominational leaders, concerning what advance in Cooperative Program giving in Mississippi will mean to the whole denominational program of Christian witness.

With this is a statement by our own state leader, Dr. Chester L. Quarles, who sums up the meaning of

this program to all Baptist work.

We believe that these articles, illustrations, and other materials will help our readers to understand the meaning of the Cooperative Program and to see why it needs to be given an ever increasing place in the budget of each church.

World spiritual needs are growing ever larger and Southern Baptists can best help meet those needs on a world-wide scale through increased support of world missions through the Cooperative Program.

We hope that every Mississippi Baptist church will join in enlarging that support as they set their 1966 budgets.

World Congress On Evangelism

Evangelism leaders from all over the world will gather in Berlin in a few days, in a great world congress on evangelism, to consider the problems and needs of present day Christian witness.

Top evangelism leaders from many nations will be present. Among them will be Dr. L. Gordon Saxing, Secretary of Evangelism for the Mississippi Baptist Convention Board. Many other Southern Baptists will be in the group.

The meeting was called by Dr. Carl Henry, editor of the magazine Christianity Today, Dr. Billy Graham, and other individuals deeply concerned with world evangelism. Attendance has been by invitation only so that a true cross-section of representatives from all evangelical denominations in all countries could be included.

This well could be one of the most important religious gatherings of this century. Evangelism is the central message of the Bible, and purpose of the New

Testament church, and never has the world been in greater need of a mighty Christian witness.

Yet, at this time, evangelism is not making the impact upon the world which it has made at some times in the past. Some denominations have practically abandoned the idea of individual soul-winning and have turned their attention to a social gospel concept, intended to better society.

Other groups have substituted a sacramental message, for the true gospel of salvation by grace through personal faith in Christ, and are making little effort to win individuals.

Even those denominations, such as Southern Baptists, which major on personal evangelism, have found the task more difficult, and their reported results smaller, in recent years.

Moreover, non-Christian religions, and anti-Christian philosophies are militantly pressing their causes at this time, and are making great advance in many areas of the world.

Nationalism has become such an issue in many nations that it becomes more and more difficult for Christian witness to be given, especially by missionaries from a country like America.

Materialism, moral decadence, and atheism are making strong stands in our own nation, so strong that more and more people ignore or reject the church and its message.

It is in such an hour that this world congress on evangelism is called. Never has there been a greater need for such conference.

Let us pray that these world leaders will be led of the Holy Spirit as they probe the problems, and seek the answers for a great resurgent swell of evangelistic witness, that will strengthen the evangelical effort, and sweep the world in revival. Out of such a meeting could come concepts and plans that may turn the present tide. Let us hope that it may be so.

Plea Denied . . .

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five-judge decision addressed itself to three questions: (1) the right of the appellants to sue, (2) questions under the Maryland Declaration of Rights, and (3) issues under the Federal Constitution.

It decided that the taxpayers had a right to bring such a case to the courts, but that the issue involved did not violate either the Maryland Declaration of Rights or the Federal Constitution.

Judge Reuben Oppenheimer of the Maryland Court of Appeals said, "Indubitably, religious organizations benefit from the exemption." However, he declared that this is only incidental to the public purpose served. Therefore, this indirect aid to churches is not unconstitutional.

He said that "the tax exemption here involved is for the general welfare, apart from any benefit that religious organizations derive from it." Religious organizations "carry on activities secular in nature, of substantial benefit to the community. . . programs such as these serve public needs," he continued.

Specific illustrations of the public services by churches were cited, such as "aid to the poor and aged, day nurseries, care of the sick and efforts to eliminate racial inequalities."

Baptist Leaders . . .

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tian and of churches. The third conference is tentatively scheduled for "International Relations."

However, one section recommended to the Baptist Joint Committee that it consider a conference on "The Church's Ministry on the Campuses of the State Schools." This subject could possibly be substituted for the one on international relations by the Baptist Joint Committee.

Representatives of the following Baptist groups participated in the Conference: American Baptist Convention, Baptist Federation of Canada, Baptist General Conference, National Baptist Convention, National Baptist Convention, Inc., North American Baptist General Conference, Progressive Baptist Convention, Seventh Day Baptist General Conference, and the Southern Baptist Convention.

Calendar of Prayer

(This list is not compiled according to birthdays.)

October 24—Maurice E. Flowers, Jr., supt. of missions, Bolivar County; L. F. Haire, supt. of missions, Calhoun County.

October 25—Lana Yarbrough, nurse, Blue Mountain College; Mrs. Ruth Walley, staff, William Carey College.

October 26 — G. M. Ward, staff, William Carey College; John F. Carter, faculty, Clarke College.

October 27—Bennie T. Warren, Baptist student director, Perkinson Junior College; Mrs. Joyce Bates, Baptist student director, Southwest Junior College.

October 28—Mrs. Joe Clark, Baptist Building; Joe Abrams, Baptist Building.

October 29—Troy Mohon, registrar, Mississippi College; Eldon T. Jenkins, assistant supt., Children's Village.

October 30 — Mrs. Dorothy Bell, instructor, Gilroy School of Nursing; Mrs. O. M. Jones, manager, Baptist Book Store.

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most of the 30 Southern Baptist Churches and 10 missions in Montana attended.

Also attending were several leaders from the Colorado Convention headquarters in Denver, and a number of men from Mississippi.

Recognition was given in the meeting to the fifth anniversary of the Montana-Mississippi relationship, and several Mississippians appeared on the program.

Dr. Chester L. Quarles, executive secretary-treasurer of the Mississippi Baptist Convention Board, Dr. Earl Kelly, pastor of the First Baptist Church, Holly Springs, and president of the Mississippi Baptist Convention, and Ralph Hester, Jackson insurance executive, all spoke at the Monday morning session of the meeting.

Claude Townsend of Jackson, chairman of the Mississippi Baptist Pioneer Missions Committee, Rev. Jim O'Hara, pastor of Bunker Hill Church, Columbia; Rev. O. E. Fairley, pastor of Roundaway Church, Daddsville, and Dr. Joe Odle, editor of the Baptist Record, all spoke Monday afternoon.

Owen Cooper, business executive of Yazoo City, was the principal speaker at the Monday evening session. Cooper was one of the men who led in the establishment of the Mississippi - Montana relationship.

Also appearing on the program was a former Mississippian, Rev. Dick Mefford, who served as missionary to the Choctaw Indians at Philadelphia until a few months ago, when he was transferred by the Home Mission Board to Montana, to begin Southern Baptist work among the Northern Cheyennes. He now lives at Lame Deer, in Southeast Montana.

In his message to the fellowship, Dr. Quarles explained the reason for such a working relationship between the two states, and extolled the benefits it had brought to both conventions.

Owen Cooper discussed the next five years in Montana, and predicted that the work in that state and the other three which will make up the proposed convention, will double within the period. He said that there should be at least 75 or 80 Southern Baptist churches and missions in Montana, and 150 in the whole convention area by 1971.

The Fellowship also heard numerous other messages from the representatives from the Sunday School Board, and from many of its own pastors and leaders. Rev. Marshall Strother, pastor of the First Baptist Church, Glendive, was president of the Fellowship this year, and Rev. Ed Evans, pastor of Calvary Baptist Church, Helena, will serve as president during the coming year.

The Fellowship transacted general business, heard committee reports, and made numerous plans, during the two day session.

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One announcement made at the meeting, which will be of interest to many Mississippians, was that Rev. LeRoy Smith, pastor of a Denver Church has been nominated to the area missionary for Montana. Action concerning the nomination will be taken by the convention board in the next few weeks. Smith is well known in Mississippi, having held meetings and filled other speaking engagements here.

The Fellowship is much like a small state convention, even though the churches are members of the Colorado Baptist General Convention. The reason for such separate meetings on a state-wide basis, is that it is around 800 miles for many of the churches, and more than 1,000 for some, to the convention offices in Denver. Because of these tremendous distances it is impossible for many of the pastors and leaders to attend the Colorado Convention meetings. In order to meet this problem the Colorado Convention operates these area fellowship meetings, bringing some of the convention personnel to appear on the programs.

African Student . . .

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church services in neighboring Georgia.

On Sept. 25, Sam Jerry Oni, a student from Ghana at Mercer University (Baptist) in Macon, Ga., was held by police outside Macon's Tattall Square Baptist Church until he agreed not to enter the church. Inside, the church voted to fire the entire church staff because they had urged the congregation to seat Negroes as worshippers.

Imosun, who plans to continue a ministerial career after graduation from the Baptist college, became the second African to join the campus church here.

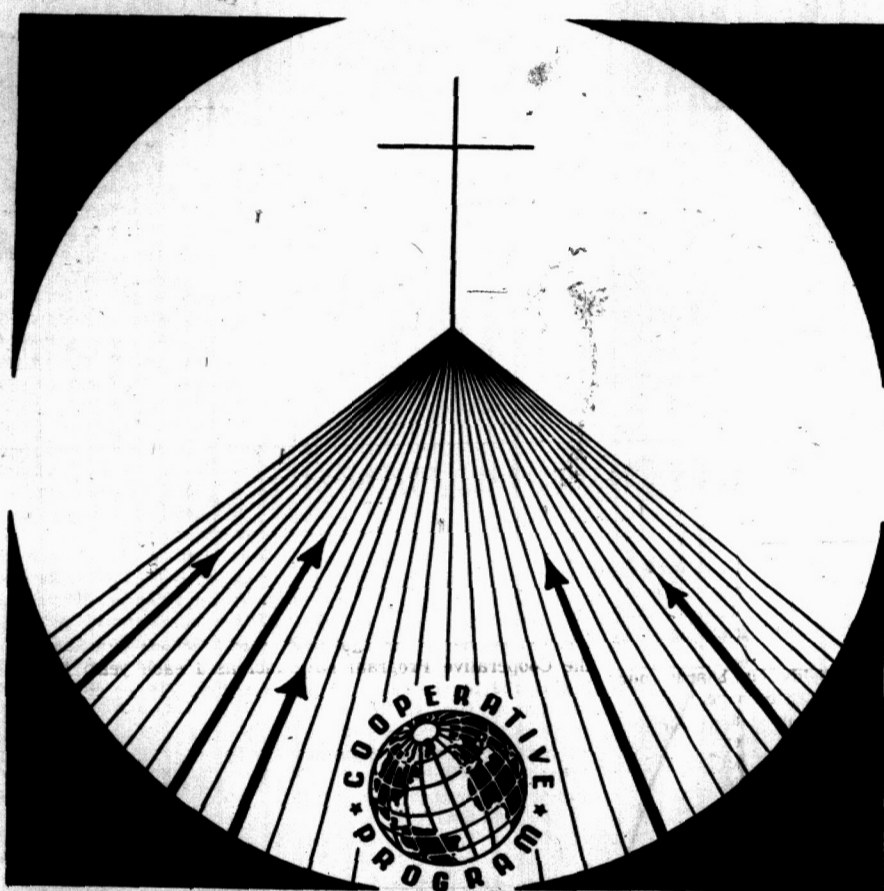
The first was William Ojo, who graduated in the summer of 1965 and now has returned to Nigeria as a minister.

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N.C.), argued that the power to interpret the meaning of the constitution resides in the Supreme Court and not in Congress. Ervin contended that such a resolution by the Senate would mean that Congress was prescribing the form of the religious exercise to be observed in the public schools.

Senator Mansfield, in a plea against the Hartke amendment, said the proposed Sense of Congress Resolution is just not the "proper vehicle" for challenging the Supreme Court. The Majority Leader continued that he did not think a Senator had to declare himself on the basis of a "sense resolution" to prove that he believes in prayer.



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Sunday School Board Joins Baptist Press

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news media of the total work and life of Southern Baptists.

"During the years that Baptist Press has been in operation, it has become recognized by news media as authoritative, accurate, and useful," commented Lesch, who will be policy coordinator for the Baptist Sunday School Board bureau. "The Sunday School Board appreciates the opportunity to join this communications team," Lesch said.

The Baptist Press is a daily news service that goes to Baptist state papers, the religion editors of major metropolitan newspapers, weekly national newsmagazines, radio and television stations, and a few key denominational leaders.

In the past, the Sunday School Board Office of Denominational Relations has sent its own news releases apart from Baptist Press to many of the same publications and media.

Under the new arrangement, the Baptist Press bureau chief at the Sunday School Board will be in charge of editing stories and channeling them to the Baptist Press central office at the SBC Executive Committee in Nashville for distribution through Baptist Press to all news media.

TWX (teletype) network connects the regional offices and the Baptist Press bureaus located in Washington, Dallas, and Atlanta, with the central office in Nashville. Each office and bureau sends stories almost daily to the central office in Nashville for distribution.

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The Sunday School Board Bureau of the Baptist Press is located in the board's offices at 127 Ninth Avenue North, Nashville, while the central office of Baptist Press is located at the SBC Executive Committee office, 400 James Robertson Parkway, Nashville.

Other regional offices of the Baptist Press are located in Atlanta at the Home Mission Board of the SBC, in Washington at the Baptist Joint Committee on Public Affairs, and in Dallas at the Baptist General Convention of Texas.

Men's Conference . . .

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tion of Cecil Harper, minister of music of the host church. Scripture and prayer will be brought by Talmadge Rayborn, Starkville, vice-president of the men's conference.

A period of business and special music will then be followed by the closing address of Dr. McCall.

The afternoon session will feature two messages by Don Morie, of the young men's department of the Brotherhood Commission and one by Paul Harrell, associate in the Brotherhood Department.

Scripture and prayer will be brought by D. W. Ainsworth, Jackson, recording secretary of the conference.

The men's conference was authorized by the State Convention last November upon recommendation of the convention's long range study committee and is related to

the convention through the Brotherhood Department.

Dyal Winner Of Press Award

NEW YORK (BP)—William M. Dyal Jr. of Nashville, Tenn., director of organization for the Christian Life Commission of the Southern Baptist Convention, has won a \$2,000 award for the best book on youth and Christianity in competition sponsored by Association Press.

Dyal's manuscript, entitled "It's Worth Your Life: A Christian Challenge to Youth Today," was judged the best of the 100 manuscripts entered in the nation-wide contest.

Announcement of the award was made here by Stanley I. Stuber, director of Association Press, the publishing agency affiliated with the Young Men's Christian Association (Y.M.C.A.) of America.

Dyal's book will be published by Association Press for release in May of 1967. The \$2,000 award includes a \$1,000 advance on anticipated royalties from the book sale.

Of the 100 manuscripts submitted, Dyal's was selected from the field of 30 semifinalists, and five finalists. Three of the five in the final running were designated for possible publication.

It is the first book that Dyal, a former Southern Baptist missionary and a native of Houston, Tex., has written.

PERSPECTIVE

Robert J. Hastings

"THE POTS AND PANS OF LIFE"

A first-grader saw his new teacher in a supermarket. "Look mother," he cried, "she eats too!" Another youngster met his pastor one day during the week. "But it's not Sunday!" he complained as he shook his head in disbelief.

We smile at the children who think teachers are only for classrooms and preachers only for Sundays. Then we turn around and do the same with God. We keep him penned up in certain sacred places, and approach him only in well-chosen phrases and worn-out cliches.

Our Lord is known by many names in the Scriptures—Lamb of God, Light of the world, the Alpha and Omega, the good Shepherd, King of kings, the Messiah, etc. But none can excel in beauty or significance the name Immanuel, meaning "God with us." The role of Christ is to make God real to us, to make him a daily, living presence, to make him — if you will — hold word.

Malcolm Boyd has captured this insight in his book of prayer, *Are You Running With Me, Jesus?* At first, the title strikes us as sacrilegious. Then we realize that meaningful prayer is often a snatch of communication with God while we are on the run. This does not eliminate the need for the soul-searching, meditative hours of the secret prayer closet. But it does remind us that God is among the pots and pans of life, the bolts and wrenches of life, or he is no God at all.

Russian Baptist . . .

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struggle for peace," Mr. Karev declared. "It must organize fire brigades to put out the flames of war, one of which is burning in Vietnam and presents a grave threat to world peace."

Mr. Karev referred to the ecumenical movement and noted that the All-Union Council supported it when viewed as a rapprochement of Churches and not a merger. Turning specifically to Evangelicals and Baptists in Russia, he pleaded for a consolidation of unity among them.

At present, he said, Baptists and Evangelicals are united in one organization through the All-Union Council. But, he added, discussions among Evangelicals and Baptists holding different views are marked by "elements of intolerance."

This, he warned, brings harm to unity. He said that in the past a small number of constituents left the Council, but many of them have since returned.

"We would be happy to see restoration of unity and our unification by the centenary of our fraternity," he said, referring to the 100th anniversary in 1967 of Baptist work in Russia.

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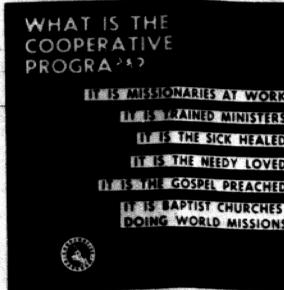
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IN JERUSALEM

"Several years ago Southern Baptists established a place of witness in the city of Jerusalem, Jordan, just outside the old city wall near Herod's Gate," said the Rev. and Mrs. W. O. Hern.

"The gifts that are received through the Cooperative Program make it possible for us to equip the necessary buildings and to carry on our Baptist witness not very far from the place where Christ was crucified."

Philippine Children

"I sat in a Bible class in a school with a dirt floor, painted plywood blackboard, movable partitions, and no ceiling. I thought, 'What a difference from the schools in America.' Not a nice building and lacking in equipment, but the freedom of teaching God's Word," said Miss Faye Tumire, missionary to the Philippines.

"The Cooperative Program has helped to make it possible for us to teach the Bible to some more than five thousand elementary school children."

THE DEAF HEAR

The deaf in Kyoto, Japan, are "hearing" the gospel because of the Cooperative Program.

"Mrs. Wakae Miyoshi was deaf and unable to utter a sound from birth. She accepted the Lord and was baptized recently," said Missionary James P. Satterwhite.

The deaf hear because of the Seminary's Bible Training School for the "silent group."

"Our Cooperative Program made the Seminary possible, which made it possible for Mrs. Miyoshi and others like her to 'hear' the gospel."

Mississippi Laymen Speak Out On The Cooperative Program

Legislator Approves

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I think the attitude of a man toward the Cooperative Program reflects his character, for what a man does with his money can bless him, or it can bless him and God. The man that is not right with his money, is wrong with God.

Best of all, I like the Cooperative Program, because each church can give to it when and how it chooses. It can be perfectly free to give on a percentage basis of a certain number of dollars, or a percentage of its total receipts, or just a plain donation. You can pay by the week, month, or at the end of the year. This is certainly real Baptist giving. No one in the world has a right to set "quotas" for any church. The Cooperative Program grows as Christ grows in the hearts of Christians, and especially as he works in the hearts of Baptist men. Through the Cooperative Program every need of Mississippi Baptists is supplied, and the needs of Christ to the ends of the earth—if men and churches would only give and give MORE.

Lawyer Likes It

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his tithes and offerings on a proper basis. Consequently, a committee can avail itself of all of the information concerning need, and, in the light of facts and under the leadership of God, can make a proper distribution of the cooperative dollar.

3. There is not a cause that is supported by the Cooperative Program dollar that I would not be personally delighted to see all of my tithes and gifts go to the support of. Should I do this I would neglect others that are equally challenging, needful, and rewarding. Therefore, in giving to the Cooperative Program, I can have a personal interest in each of the causes and feel that I am in a small way helping the sick, supporting Christian education, orphans, retired ministers and the carrying of the Gospel to home and foreign fields. It works; it is fair; it is all-encompassing; and it makes its appeal to every benevolent giver and every faithful steward of his possessions.

The Cooperative Program unquestionably has the nature of divine inspiration. If indeed this is true, then we can support this program with great pride and satisfaction in addition to our expectation that God will continue to bless it and multiply its fruitfulness.

An Editor Reasons

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means a strong local program to attract them. No new Christian is enthusiastic about the Cooperative Program. He has not yet advanced to that depth of Christian understanding. Thus, the need for a continuing strong local attraction.

BUT, as the individual's maturity and understanding develops, he is not satisfied unless his church is carrying out the commands of the Great Commission. And the Cooperative Program fills that individual craving which says "go ye."

Thus, strong and growing churches MUST have a solid foundation that rests on both a strong local program and a deep conviction concerning the Cooperative Program.

Doctor Prescribes It

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in numbers.

With this increase in revenue we have added much to the physical appearance of our facilities as well as to the comfort of those who come there to worship.

In the sixth chapter of Luke's Gospel, the thirty-eighth verse tells us: "Give and it shall be given unto you, good measure, pressed down, shaken together and running over shall men give into your bosom. For with the same measure that you mete withal it shall be measured to you again."

I urge you to try this in your church and in your own personal life. You cannot outgive God.

For Christian Education

By H. M. Whitfield, Tupelo Businessman

Now is the time of year that Baptists, through their churches, have an opportunity to cooperate through their Cooperative Program to send missionaries to foreign and home fields, help build new churches, help start new missions, and help all people to have a place in which to worship.

For Christian education, we must have a united Cooperative Program and give until it hurts, or we will either be forced to ask the federal government to educate our Christian leaders. We cannot afford schools that are inferior to all other schools. God's work requires skilled, educated workers. A Christian education is as necessary for a Christian worker as a science education is necessary for a science worker.

The Cooperative Program is a united Baptist program—it belongs to the Baptists. It is the method the Baptists use to unite and carry God's word forward in our community, our county, our state, and throughout the world, using dedicated Christian workers educated in our own institutions.

So let us all cooperate through the Cooperative Program and make great strides forward in God's work.

The Best Known Method

By W. Zack Huggins, Jackson

I am firmly convinced that the best known method ever devised for any large group to efficiently carry on the worldwide work of the Lord is the Cooperative Program of Southern Baptists. In support of this view, I mention the following which I believe to be facts:

1. It offers each individual an opportunity to participate in local, state, and worldwide efforts of his church.
2. Through such a program the strength of unit is clear.
3. The rapid growth of Southern Baptists is evidence that the Program bears fruit.
4. The amazingly low administrative costs enable Southern Baptists as a group to give added intensive and extensive support to the Lord's work.
5. The history of the Cooperative Program confirms, in my opinion, the validity of my opening statement.

Like The Early Christians

By Richard A. Rollins, Businessman, Clarksdale

The early Christians probably would have liked to take their gifts to the saints in Jerusalem, but not being able to do so, they entrusted Paul to do it for them. I like to think that my participation in the Cooperative Program has the same spirit.

I would like to visit our mission fields, our boards, our hospitals, our schools to see for myself and to help out in person. Even if I were not tied down, making a living, this would be impossible. I would not be of any great help if I tried to spread myself over all our convention activities. My efforts and my money would not be a drop in the bucket at any one place. No matter how insignificant I may be, however, I can have a part in great things. My dollars plus those of other Southern Baptists multiplied by God can turn the world upside down.

I am glad my church participates in the Cooperative Program. I would like for our people to know this takes a great deal of faith, but I believe that God's promise is as good for the church as it is for me—that is, if we are cheerful givers, then "God is able to provide you with every blessing in abundance, so that you may always have enough of everything and may provide in abundance for every good work." (2 Cor. 9:8).

Our Cooperative Program

By W. H. Anderson, M.D., Booneville

The fundamental principles of the Cooperative Program were thought of, discussed, and used in limited ways before the organization was actually formed and adopted. The actual date of the founding of the program was in 1923. It has actually grown in favor and in accomplishments since then. "A thing that needs to be done can be done if gone at in the right way." The Cooperative Program surely needed to be done. It embraces the plans, and the principles set forth when God created earth.

Coming together is a beginning, keeping together is progress, and working together is success. The coming together marked the beginning of the Cooperative Program, keeping together has made great progress, and working together has meant great success. "You don't get the breaks unless you play with the team instead of against it." The dedicated men and women of vision and understanding, have worked with the Cooperative Program and it has been able to carry out more and more the great commission, "Go ye into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature." Everyone can see the great power of cooperation. By the foolishness of preaching men's souls are saved. This is the one most important question. "May be best to not be born the first time than not to be born the second time."

The Cooperative Program has done a marvelous work in carrying the gospel out to the highways and byways. Christian education is a very urgent need. The safety and the progress of our Christian society needs science, may be to save it, and needs it to give strength to the fundamentals of religion. The Cooperative Program needs at least one-tenth of the income of its members to carry on the needed church work in all of its phases, but it also needs dedicated givers because the gifts without the giver is bare.

Together We Do More

By W. Kelly Pyron, Natchez Businessman

If we as Southern Baptists are to accomplish great things for our Lord in this twentieth century, would it not be wise for us to take a look at the methods that the business world today has used in the way of cooperative efforts in accomplishing what we have in this great industrial age?

Would we in America today be enjoying the great nationwide telephone system, the great output of automobiles, refrigerators, air-conditioning and many other luxuries which we as Americans enjoy, if it were not for our cooperative effort in the way millions of Americans are pooling their resources through mass productions, giving of these many luxuries which we enjoy at a much lower cost to the consumer?

sumer?

It will be impossible for us as Southern Baptists to meet the challenge of carrying Christ to the millions in our world today if each Christian takes his own small resource and attempts the task alone. However, by all of us combining our resource and effort through the Cooperative Program we can accomplish greater things for our Lord and Master.

Percentage Plan Of Giving

By Percy L. Hazlewood, Liberty Businessman

Several years ago I had the opportunity of visiting in a church of another denomination in one of our larger mid-western cities. On leaving the church, the secretary asked us if we would send her information on the Southern Baptist Cooperative Program so that her church might study the plan. This gave me a new interest in assessing the value of the Cooperative Program in my own church.

The Cooperative Program is God's gift to Southern Baptists. It arose out of the desires and efforts of pastors and churches to find a plan whereby all denominational causes might be cared for fully and fairly without conflicting with the necessary progress and work in the churches themselves and is a great step forward in Kingdom finance.

It should be borne in mind that the plan came into existence to meet the needs of our people and was not handed down. I believe in the percentage plan of giving to World Missions through the Cooperative Program which our church adopted several years ago. Since that time our gifts through the Cooperative Program have increased each year. In following the percentage plan our churches can see to it that the sacred funds are divided among the causes of Christ beyond the church. Thus I have the assurance that I am sharing in giving the gospel to the whole world. I don't know of a better way of distribution of these funds than through our Cooperative Program.

Vastness Of Task Seen

By Joe Jack Hurst, Jackson

When I contemplate the vastness of our Christian task in fulfilling the command from our Lord Jesus Christ, given to each of us, who have claimed: for ourselves the salvation which He purchased for each one who believes on Him, to go forth and tell the world about this great (and only) salvation; and when I further contemplate the meager dent my small contribution could make, I am disheartened—until I realize the great impact that Christians can make when they unite their efforts, pool their resources, and thus produce the united mission effort which Southern Baptists have produced, and increasingly are producing through their united effort in and through the Cooperative Program.

The fact that it is voluntary on the part of each individual church, and that no church is required, coerced or made to join the effort is in itself truly spectacular in this era of increased regimentation. Surely no power other than the Holy Spirit could so warm the hearts of men and of our churches to cause them to respond in love to so great a need.

The Cooperative Program deserves a warmer name—one that would convey the true significance which it has in our world today—for without it countless Christians would still be without the saving knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Excellent Plan Of Giving

By Roy Kuykendall, Newton

The Cooperative Program plan of giving to promote the Lord's work and make the world a better place in which to live has accomplished much good for mankind. This plan is very unique and one of the most effective and satisfactory financing systems being practiced by any organization I know about in our time.

This plan makes it possible for individuals and churches to have a part in helping support local, state, home and foreign mission causes. If it were not for this plan most of us would not have an opportunity to help support local and state causes, such as Chinese missions, church building aid, Indian work, pastoral aid, rural church work, temperance, Gulf shores and Kittiwake assemblies. We would not have a part in helping our Baptist colleges, Baptist orphanages and Baptist hospitals.

We should welcome the opportunity to have a part in participating in foreign mission causes to spread the gospel throughout the world and help build good will, international understanding, cooperation and peace among all the nations of the world.

Each individual should encourage his church to increase its Cooperative Program percentage in its budget from year to year so that Baptist will do their part in making the world a better place to live.

Reaching Your Potential

By W. A. Taylor, Sr., Louisville Businessman

Are you willing and ready to start reaching your potential? The opportunity we have of dedicated stewardship over our

(Continued on page 6)

Japanese Finds New Life In Christ

With his pockets filled with rocks, Mr. Tsuchida, a Japanese man in his late 60's, jumped into the Ara River. Much to his disappointment he was rescued by fishermen.

That night he was walking the streets searching for a successful way to kill himself, when he heard singing and was deeply impressed to go inside to hear this joyful music. It was a church service.

"As the missionary proclaimed the Gospel, this desperate soul found new life in Christ," said Miss Virginia Highfill, your missionary to Japan.

"After making a profession of faith, the man was asked to write his name and mailing address on a card. He confessed that a life of drink had given him tremors so badly he could not even sign his name."

"Every opportunity he has had in these ten years, Mr. Tsuchida publicly expresses his gratitude to God for His salvation, for the missionary which helps in his Christian growth."

"If he were to see you, I am sure he would say, 'Thank you for your gifts through the Cooperative Program. These gifts had a vital part in sending that missionary to Japan and in the establishment of the church where I found new life in Christ.'"

Churches In The News

Hickory Church ordained J. B. Smith as a new deacon at the evening service Sunday, Oct. 2. Lamar Callahan was in charge of music. Rev. C. E. Snowden gave the charge to the deacon, and Rev. H. L. Davis, pastor, preached the ordination sermon.

Helen Bolt Davis Resigns As BSU Director

The State Student Department of South Carolina and the BSU of Spartanburg regrettably announce the resignation of Mrs. Helen Bolt Davis as Spartanburg's BSU Director, effective on or before January 1, 1967.

Mrs. Davis, recognized throughout the Southern Baptist Convention as an outstanding student worker, has held her present position for almost sixteen years. Previously, she was the BSU Director for Blue Mountain College and a church educational director after her graduation from Limestone College.

Mrs. Davis, who is from Laurens, has accepted the position of church secretary of Southside Church, Spartanburg, effective upon the expiration of her contract of 1966.

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Mrs. Robert L. Jones (Nettie Lou Crowder) is the editor of both song books, Songs for 4's and 5's and Songs for Primaries. She will have one-hour-and-a-half of each conference for beginner and primary workers in which she will emphasize:

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- ... Selection of Songs to Use
- ... Teaching New Songs

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9:30 General Session (with dramatic meditation feature included)

10:45 Conferences
Beginner Music—Mrs. Robert L. Jones
Primary Storytelling—Evelyn George

12:15 Lunch at host church with Training Union Department sharing cost of the meal

1:00 Conferences
Beginner Storytelling—Evelyn George
Primary Music—Mrs. Robert L. Jones

2:30 General Session: Drama Presentation

3:15 Adjourn
 (Nursery facilities available)

Dates and Places of Conferences:

Oct. 31—First, Greenwood Nov. 3—First, Hattiesburg
 Nov. 1—Calvary, Tupelo Nov. 4—Broadmoor, Jackson
 Nov. 2—First, Meridian

These conferences are recommended for beginner and primary music workers and music directors.



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ROUTH HONORED ON ANNIVERSARY: Porter W. Routh, executive secretary of the Southern Baptist Convention Executive Committee (foreground center), was honored on his 15th anniversary as executive secretary during sessions of the Executive Committee in Nashville. The presentation to Dr. and Mrs. Routh (right) included a silver pitcher and matching goblets, a plaque, and a cash gift for a suit of clothes. Making the presentation was Archie Ellis of South Carolina, (left foreground), chairman of the Executive Committee's administrative subcommittee. At far left in the background are W. Douglas Hudgins of Jackson, Miss., chairman of the Executive Committee, and Mrs. Ramon T. Davis of Lebanon, Tenn., secretary. (BF Photo)

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Excerpts from a report by Rev. John Vandercook, Director of New Orleans Seamen's Service:

NINETEEN PROFESSIONS OF FAITH IN JUNE: June, 1966, will not soon be forgotten. Not every month brings such visible results but June was the best from the standpoint of professions of faith since the beginning of this ministry.

Professions by national groups were: Taiwan 11; Brazil 3; Germany 2; Peru 3.

The large group from Taiwan is largely due (from a human standpoint) to the efforts of Miss Grace Yao, a student at New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary. We took 22 Taiwanese seamen to the Chinese Presbyterian Church for the morning worship service. Miss Yao serves on the staff of this church. After the service she, their pastor, and the seamen came to our home for lunch. During the afternoon she talked to the group and with each man individually. Before their return to the ship seven of these men made professions of faith in our home.

RESPONSE BY MAIL: We have heard from a number of seamen after they leave the port here. All of them have expressed a desire to return and a word of gratitude for the welcome they had here. Some have even passed the word on to their friends in other parts of the New Orleans Baptist Seamen's Service. If they are willing to respond to this manner, certainly we must put far more effort to provide more for them when they do come to our shores.

GA ASSOCIATIONAL OFFICERS MEETING

Seventeen Associational GA Directors and GA officers met at Garaywa October 7-8 to make plans for the year. The ninety-four in attendance were most enthusiastic and made plans that will help strengthen GA work in these areas of the state.

YWA CONFERENCE

The Ann Hasseltine and Grace McBride YWA officers attended a training conference at Camp Garaywa October 8-9. There were 57 persons present with seven schools represented. The missionary speakers for the weekend were Mrs. Harry Raley of Taiwan and Mrs. James Walker of Rhodesia.

MEN HONOR HENSLEY Hinds Brotherhood Banquet Held At Daniel Memorial

The Hinds County Deacon-Brotherhood Banquet was held on October 10 at Daniel Memorial Church, Jackson, Dr. Allen Webb, pastor.

During this meeting the 196 laymen and 20 ministers present adopted a resolution honoring Dr. Clark Hensley: "WHEREAS, Dr. J. Clark Hensley has served for 8½ years as superintendent of missions of Hinds County Association, and whereas during this time he has given of himself untiringly in the leadership of the said county Brotherhood, and whereas he

has tendered his resignation to assume another place of responsibility in Kingdom work, now therefore be it

"RESOLVED, That we, the men of this association, express our gratitude to him for his leadership."

Dr. Hensley is head of the new Christian Action Commission. Rev. Fred Tarpley has accepted the position as Hinds County superintendent of missions.

For the evening program at the banquet, Dr. Hensley, Dr. F. D. Hewitt, Jr., Mississippi College faculty, and Rev. Har-

old St Gemme, Hinds County BSU director, conducted a discussion on "Church and State."

J. T. Taylor, music director at Daniel, sang for the special music, "I Place My Hands in the Hands of Jesus," accompanied on the piano by Mrs. Taylor.

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October 24 Batesville First 7:00-9:15 p.m.	October 25 Canton Center Terrace 7:00-9:15 p.m.	October 27 Columbia Calvary 7:00-9:15 p.m.
Cradle Roll Nursery Extension	Beginner Primary Junior General Officers	Intermediate Young People Adult

1967 SUNDAY SCHOOL CALENDAR

January		September	
2-6	Bible Study Week	4-5	Area Adult-Young People's Meetings (night only)
16-20	Area Extension Bible Class Meetings		4—Senatobia Columbus, Antioch Vicksburg, Bowmar Avenue Natchez, Morgantown
30-Feb. 1	Vacation Bible School State Clinic, Gulfshore		5—Cleveland, First Kosciusko, First Jackson, Calvary Monticello
February		7	Area Adult-Young People's Meetings (night only) Pontotoc, First Newton, First Laurel, Second Avenue Long Beach, First
27-28	Area Pastor-Superintendent Meetings (night only) 27—Greenwood, First Yazoo City, First Baldwyn, First Bay Springs, First 28—Clarksdale Brookhaven, First Starkville, First Petal, Crestview	10	State Mission Day in Sunday School
March		12	Action Night in Associations
2	Area Pastor-Superintendent Meetings (night only) Coldwater, First Poplarville, First Union, First Biloxi, First	18-22	Sunday School Leadership Preparation Week
14	Church Building Conference Crystal Springs, First	25-26	Associational Officers' Meetings (night only) 25—Oxford, First 26—Louisville, First
16	Church Building Conference Tupelo, Calvary	28	Associational Officers' Meetings (night only) Collins
April		October	
10-12	Sunday School Bible Conference Jackson, Broadmoor	2-3	Area Intermediate Clinics (night only) 2—Batesville, First Greenville, Calvary Hazelhurst, First McComb, East
June			3—Tupelo, Hattiesburg Philadelphia, First Hattiesburg, University Pascagoula, First
26-30	Sunday School Leadership Assembly Kindergarten Workshop, Gulfshore		
August		December	
28-29	Area Briefing Meetings (night only) 28—Oxford, First 29—Louisville, First	10	Puritan Mission Day in Sunday School
31	Area Briefing Meetings (night only)		

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MRS. ROSALIE ROBINSON, of Lake Charles, Louisiana, Approved worker with the Church Recreation Department, will lead conferences for workers with Junior and Intermediate boys and girls at each convention.

JAMES ROSE, Church Library Consultant, Baptist Sunday School Board, Nashville, will be leading a special conference for church librarians and representatives from churches desirous of forming a church library.

PROGRAM

- 9:30 General Session
 Introductions
 Training Union Promotion
 Dramatic Meditation Feature
- 10:45 Conferences for all age groups
- 12:15 Lunch
- 1:00 Conferences
- 2:30 General Session: Drama presentation
- 3:15 Adjourn

Churches presenting the dramatic meditation features are First, Sardis; First, Oxford; First, Columbus; Main Street, Hattiesburg; First, Magee.

Churches presenting plays are: First, Starkville; First, Corinth; Highland, Meridian; First, Hattiesburg; First, Charleston.

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The Sunday School Lesson—

God, Our Security

By Clifton J. Allen
Isaiah 36-37



The Lesson Explained Sennacherib's Siege

While still laying siege to Lachish, Sennacherib sent his Rabshakeh to Jerusalem to demand surrender. He taunted the soldiers on the wall by boasting of the power of the king of Assyria, deriding the people for their faith in Jehovah, declaring that the gods of other nations had not been able to help them, and urging the people not to listen to Hezekiah but to give up. From every natural standpoint, Jerusalem's prospects were hopeless. Other nations had fallen before Sennacherib. What hope could Judah have to survive?

When the threats of the Rabshakeh were reported to Hezekiah, he rent his clothes in grief, went to the house of the Lord, and sent an urgent appeal to Isaiah to intercede with God in prayer in behalf of the remnant in the city. Hezekiah's Prayer vv. 14-21a

Hezekiah went to the house of the Lord. There he spread the letter before the Lord, an act which symbolized his desire to call the Lord's attention to the blasphemous taunts of Sennacherib. Hezekiah used a succession of divine names which suggested the basis of his plea for help. He prayed to the "Lord of hosts," and to the "God of Israel." Hezekiah declared that Jehovah is the true God, who created the heaven and the earth. Note the things for which Hezekiah prayed — not primarily for himself or the nation of Judah, but for the exaltation of the Lord and the vindication of his reality and majesty.

God's Deliverance

vv. 21-38

Isaiah sent a heartening message to Hezekiah to tell him that his prayer had been heard by the Lord and that the Lord would intervene for

Judah's deliverance. God gave Isaiah assurance that the raging Assyrians would fall in their purpose and suffer humiliating defeat.

The closing verses of the chapter tell of God's intervention. In some way, which is not described, he wrought terrible destruction in the Assyrian army. This event stands as a mighty declaration of God's sovereignty and power and of his response to the earnest prayers of a great king and a great prophet. Sennacherib returned to Assyria. Some twenty years later his own sons murdered him.

Truths to Live By

God is our defense and our strength — Life has its dangers. There are times when whole nations face serious perils. Individuals face the uncertainties and hazards of disease and catastrophe and temptation and even the assault of evil-minded persons in the power of Satan. But the Christian is never without access to God: "God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble." And yet this is not to be misunderstood. God's defense does not mean that we shall always be delivered out of danger. In fact, we may not be delivered. The innocent person may be murdered. The devout saint will be sorely tempted. The dedicated Christian may suffer providential tragedy. But in all such situations, the Lord is a source of strength adequate for every need.

Sunday Reports

Sunday School Attendance
Training Union Attendance
Additions To The Church

	October 14, 1966	October 15, 1966
Bethel	52	29
Biloxi, First	680	270
Brandon, First	439	191
Byram, First	90	42
Columbus	348	170
Antioch	419	186
Fairview	358	149
Crystal Springs, First	541	137
Forest	341	137
Greenwood, North	394	127
Grenada	371	116
Emmanuel	359	106
Gulfport, First	283	132
Hammond	283	132
Hattiesburg	265	147
Main Street	247	142
Mission	19	5
Southside	94	48
28th Avenue	206	158
Sunrise	133	80
Jackson	1201	284
Alta Woods	310	172
Blarwood Drive	1634	851
Broadmoor	374	153
Colonial Hgts	281	125
Crestwood	1097	244
Daniel Memorial	1097	244
First	627	283
Hillcrest	386	159
Highland	329	153
McDowell Road	213	135
Grandview	385	196
McLaurin Hgts	447	207
Lakeview Men	501	241
Morrison Hgts	229	174
Park Hill	1087	432
Parkway	614	233
Ridgecrest	319	160
Robinson St.	217	154
Southside	297	256
Van Winkle	296	168
West Jackson	236	119
Woodville Hgts	203	70
Kosciusko	518	172
Parkway	500	187
First	18	16
Main	476	174
Chapel	485	165
Laurel	198	85
First	196	96
Highland	216	134
Lexington	227	92
McComb	115	62
Lecost St.	221	109
Navilla	368	155
South	112	78
Mayersville	1102	439
Morton, Springfield	281	166
Pearson	311	72
Greenwood	482	287
Starkville, First	112	53
Sunshine (Rankin)	254	177
Union, First	286	95
Vicksburg	490	148
Bowmar Avenue	129	43
Walnut Grove	367	157
West Point, First	483	184
West End	874	117
Woodville	541	92
Amory	52	25
Belmont, First	306	155
Columbus, Antioch	229	72
Fulton, Trinity	15	
Laurel, Highland	326	161
Long Beach	306	91
Main	626	229
Mission	272	122
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Calvary, Greenville, Breaks Ground

Calvary, Greenville, broke ground Sunday, October 9, for a new \$120,000 educational building. Mrs. Frank King, a member of Calvary since 1951, shoveled the first dirt. Standing beside her is James E. Strain, Chairman of the Building Committee, and some of the older members of the church are behind her. The pastor, Rev. J. B. Miller, is standing to her right.

The additional space will provide for 250 people. There will be a nursery, 2 Beginner departments, a Junior department, an Intermediate department, an Adult department, a fellowship hall, and a kitchen, office space for Minister of Music, church secretary, and pastor's study. The building will be completely furnished and centrally heated and air-conditioned. The church anticipates the building's being completed by February 1, 1967. The church will then have facilities for 400 in Sunday school.

"The present membership is 723. This additional space will make it possible for the church to have a full graded Sunday school from nursery through young people," states Pastor Miller.

CONVENTIONS

WHEN AND WHERE

October 31

First Baptist Church, Greenwood

November 1

Calvary Baptist Church, Tupelo

November 2

First Baptist Church, Meridian

November 3

First Baptist Church, Hattiesburg

November 4

Broadmoor Baptist Church, Jackson

9:30 a.m. to 3:15 p.m.

Nursery Available

Young People • Adults • General Officers



CONFERENCE EMPHASIS: Drama, Curriculum, and Basic Methods.

CONFERENCE LEADERSHIP: Chester Vaughn, Baptist Sunday School Board, Nashville; Mrs. Sarah Walton Miller, Approved Church Recreation Worker, Houston, Texas; Bill Latham, Director of Adult Work, Mississippi Training Union Department.

Junior • Intermediate



CONFERENCE EMPHASIS: Drama and Basic Methods.

CONFERENCE LEADERSHIP: Miss Katy Ruth Grayson, Junior and Intermediate Worker, North Carolina Training Union Department, Raleigh; Norman Rodgers, Director of Junior and Intermediate Work, Mississippi Training Union Department; Mrs. Rosalie Robinson, Approved Church Recreation Worker, Lake Charles, Louisiana.

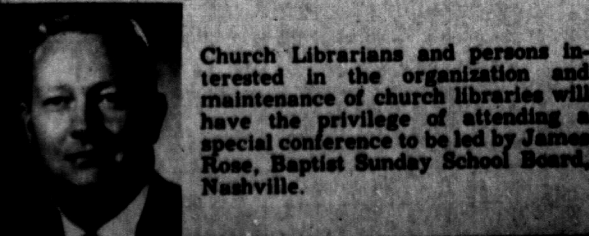
Elementary



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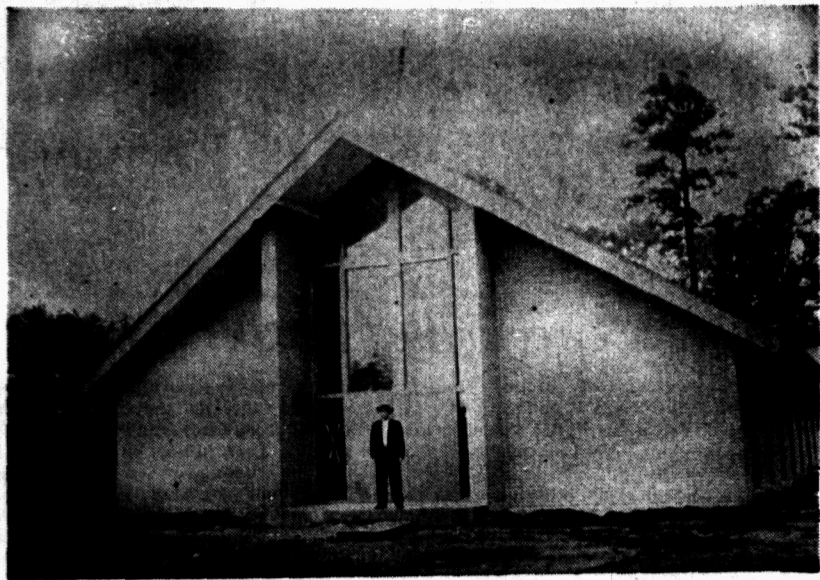
CONFERENCE LEADERSHIP: Dr. Mildred Souther, Professor of Elementary Education, New Orleans Seminary; Miss Evelyn George, Director of Nursery, Beginner, and Primary Work, Mississippi Training Union Department; Mrs. Nettie Lou Crowder Jones, Specialist in Children's Music, Jacksonville, Florida.

Church Librarians



Church Librarians and persons interested in the organization and maintenance of church libraries will have the privilege of attending a special conference to be led by James Rose, Baptist Sunday School Board, Nashville.

Alcohol reduces the finish on furniture as well as on people.



Northcrest, Meridian. To Dedicate Building

THE NEW CHAPEL and educational building of Northcrest Church, Meridian, will be dedicated October 23 at 11 a.m. Dr. Harry Lee Spencer, Executive Secretary, Treasurer of the Baptist Foundation, will be the principal speaker. Open house will be from 3 to 5 p.m. Revival services begin Monday, October 24, and continue through Sunday, October 30, nightly at 7:30. Rev. Maurice Clayton, minister of South Side Church, Meridian, will be evangelist; Buddy McElroy, Professor of Music at Clarke College, will lead the singing. Special music will be provided by the Clarke College Choir. Rev. Leonard Holloway is pastor.



ON "FAMILY NIGHT" of this harvest season, held recently at Lowrey Memorial Church, Blue Mountain, Brenda Jo Parker, Guntown, left, a freshman at Blue Mountain College, and Miss Norma McCarley, a BMC junior, who serves as church office secretary, (in addition to attending classes at the college and as a student assistant in the Department of Public Relations), are shown as they were served by the pastor of the church, Rev. Bill R. Peacock. Every Blue Mountain student is "adopted" into some local family's church group each session.

FLORENCE TO HONOR FANCHERS

First Church, Florence, is giving a Farewell Tea in honor of Rev. and Mrs. James Fancher, on Sunday afternoon, October 23, from 2 to 4 o'clock.

The public is invited to the tea, which will be held in the Fellowship Hall of First Church, Florence.

October 23 will be Mr. Fancher's last Sunday of service in Florence, as he is moving to a new pastorate in Aberdeen.

The number of households in the United States increased by 5.3 million in the period from 1960 to 1966, according to a sample survey by the Census Bureau. Total number of households, which refers to all persons living together within a housing unit whether related or not, rose to 58.1 million during this period.

Names In The News

Mrs. Lavell Jones has been engaged as secretary to work in the office of Rankin County Association. Mrs. Jones is a member of Pearl Church. Rev. Clarence Cutrell is the new superintendent of missions for that county.

Roger Smith of Westville, Fla. has been elected as president of the 1966-67 freshman class of Mississippi College. Serving with him will be Rusty Griffin, Memphis, Tenn., vice president; Kathy Metts, Benton, secretary; Nancy Walden, Pompano Beach, Fla., treasurer; John Stevens, Natchez, reporter; and Henri Sue Herbison, Shaw, chaplain.

Miss Edythe Montroy, missionary on medical leave from Nigeria, may now be addressed at 23 S. Pauline St., Memphis, Tenn., 38104. Native of Drew, Miss., she was on the staff of New Orleans Seminary prior to her missionary appointment in 1946.

Rev. William O. Hearn, missionary, has been called as pastor of the Arabic-speaking Baptist church in Jerusalem, Jordan. He succeeds Rev. Anis Shorosh, former Mississippi student, who recently resigned to give full time to evangelism.

DEVOTION—

LITTLE IS MUCH IN THE HANDS OF JESUS

By Odean W. Puckett, Pastor, First, Summit
John 6:1-13

Many times a person gets the idea that he is of no value to Jesus or the church because he cannot sing or speak or teach or lead or talk to people effectively, and he gets discouraged spiritually as his life seems so useless. Such a person has the idea that one must have a "Job" in the church before he can make any contribution to the Kingdom of God. This is not true. All that God asks of us is that we use what we have for the glory of God and to those who have been given much, much is required.

The sixth chapter of John, verses 1-13, records the miracle of Jesus feeding five thousand people because a little boy gave what he had to Jesus—five loaves and two small fishes.

All of us are like that boy. The only thing God asks of us is that we do what we can with what we have. We may not have much to bring to Jesus but He can use what we have. Little is always much in the hands of Christ.

The story is told of Saint Francis of Assisi who took a young preacher with him to a nearby village to preach. They walked through the town speaking to people all along the way and then returned home. In bewilderment the young man said to Francis, "Sir, I thought you told me we were going to preach." He replied, "We did preach, my son, by our lives and our presence."

Your life completely dedicated to God can be a great witness for Him. In fact, you can be a stepping stone for someone to Christ.

May we never be discouraged again because God did not give us great talents, for we can be great witnesses for Jesus through daily consecrated living.

IN LESS THAN A MONTH—

Young Man Converted, Called To Preach, Enrolled At Clarke

Gore Springs Church had the unusual experience of baptizing a young couple, licensing the husband to preach, and then assisting them to enroll at Clarke College within a matter of a few weeks.

Bobby and Penny Bell were received for baptism on September 18. He surrendered to the gospel ministry and was licensed to preach on September 28, following his sermon on prayer. Rev. and Mrs. H. S. Rogers accompanied them to Newton and assisted in getting them enrolled in Clarke College.

The members of the church volunteered a portion of the tuition for the fall semester. The college made a home

available to them on the campus and the couple moved from Grenada to Newton when Immanuel Church, Grenada, voted to pay the cost of renting a trailer to move their furniture and personal belongings. Gore Springs' membership then gave them a grocery shower to assist them in their first few weeks at Clarke College.

Rev. Harris Counce is pastor of Immanuel Church; Rev. H. S. Rogers is pastor at Gore Springs.

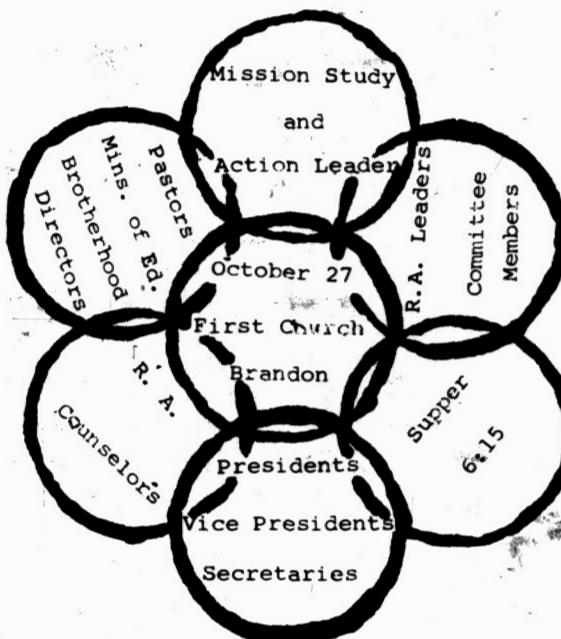
The typical businessman is absent from work five days a year and sick in bed four days of the year. One in twelve is hospitalized during the year, and one in six is injured.

Brotherhood

BROTHERHOOD AREA LEADERSHIP TRAINING CLINIC

Training takes time and effort on the part of a lot of people. The people who teach must use time and energy in preparation for the task. Those who seek information and training must find time to attend the conference periods. The host church must spend hours in preparation in order to be able to meet our need during the clinic.

First Church of Brandon is making preparation to receive us. The group leaders are preparing to direct us and inform us. Will you arrange your schedule so you can be there?



Laymen Speak - -

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Lord's time and resources is a wonderful trust with many exciting promises added such as: "I am come that you might have life and that you might have it more abundantly." If a man would be great (in spirit and fruit) he must be servant of all." Another challenge with great promise that has meant so much to me is John 15:7: "If you abide in me, and my words abide in you, (you qualify) you shall ask what ye will, and it shall be done unto you." This one verse has helped me search for guidance by asking my Lord to show me my weak points and let me have a clear understood understanding of His desires for the balance of His time that He trusts me with. It's a thrilling, heart-warming experience to see the spiritual green light, say "go" and feel the presence of His power assuring, "I am with you." Success, I believe, is a positive, dynamic, Spirit-guided process of doing the right thing next—consistently—with all of one's heart, soul, mind and strength to the glory of God and service to man. According to your faith and applied talent—directed by the Holy Spirit—be it done unto you.

Trying to be an obedient, temporary assistant-manager and a part of a team trusted with ideas is a tremendously rewarding experience that is far more than I deserve. I have seen so many miracles—performed with perfect timing—until I live amazed observing God's love and power in action.

The Baptist Response

By Thomas S. Doty, Postmaster, Lucedale

The phrase "Cooperative Program" has a special meaning for Mississippi and Southern Baptists. In a very real sense, it comprehends so many Christian virtues; and it has a scope and breadth that encompasses so very much of the Christian ministry on earth—evangelism, teaching, healing, benevolence, missions, education, building. It suggests voluntary and enthusiastic effort.

The Cooperative Program has grown out of Mississippi and Southern Baptists' awareness of their responsibilities as Christians and their acceptance of those responsibilities in Christian love and compassion for human need.

Its vital principle is that of voluntary cooperation on the part of individual Christians, churches, associations, and conventions. Its purpose of carrying out Christ's commands in all parts of the world proclaims its soundness and practicality. Its remarkable achievements in ministering to world-wide humanity are proofs of its spiritual strength. Its enlistment of so many Baptists in support of it is its genius.

Therefore, I believe that we, as individual Christians and as individual churches, should support the Cooperative Program increasingly as we grow in Christian grace and in material prosperity—always to the best of our abilities. It has stood the test of time; it is strong in the unity of its Baptist constituency; no better plan has been devised through which to channel the efforts of individual Christians toward honoring Christ in worldwide objectives; and, perhaps most gratifying of all, it enables each child of God to have a sense of participation in God's marvelous program of man's redemption and rehabilitation.

Surely, the Cooperative Program gives implementation to the Divine Command "Cast thy bread upon the waters."

"I Have A Part In This!"

By A. L. Rainey, Jr., Gulfport Businessman

One of the cherished memories of my youth is the privilege I had as a boy to be in attendance at the 1925 session of the Southern Baptist Convention when it met in Memphis and adopted the Cooperative Program for Southern Baptists. Of course, as a boy, I did not understand all that the Cooperative Program would mean to Southern Baptists. But as I look

back now, I wonder where we would be as a denomination if God had not led Southern Baptists in 1925 to adopt this program.

As a layman, I am not qualified to appraise adequately all our work and decide what portion of my time should go to the various phases of Southern Baptist work. It gives me a great deal of satisfaction to know that our denominational leaders, who have the information and the needs before them, can take my few dollars and allocate them to state missions, home missions, and foreign missions, so that I personally have a part in every phase of Southern Baptist work.

Just as the title is God's plan for the financing of the work of His Kingdom, the Cooperative Program is the Southern Baptist method of proportionately sharing in the work of His Kingdom.

Every Mississippi Baptist should urge his church to participate in the Cooperative Program so that each church and each member may have the joy of being able to say about every phase of Southern Baptist work,—"I have a part in this!"

The Best Way Yet Found

By Horace Headrick, Laurel Businessman

Recently in an Adult Training Union Quarterly a statement was made which I believe is to be true, that "a church which ministers to the material, physical, and spiritual needs of people will see constant inflow of people into its fellowship."

In a larger sense we have seen our denomination as it has expanded its ministry into all areas of human need grow and prosper.

The Cooperative Program, imperfect though it may be, seems to be the best way yet found for each of the great host of Southern Baptists to experience the joy of participation in a world-wide ministry that strives to meet the needs of people—in the name of Him who has meant so much to all of us.

Through the Cooperative Program we are able to bear witness to millions of people in sixty nations the message of salvation and redemption—and reach each millions in our homeland. We are able to provide more and more for our institutions of healing and learning as well as to enrich the lives of all of us as we have a part in winning people to the Saviour and see them grow into Christian maturity.

Until we are divinely guided to some other plan, certainly we will be blessed as individuals, churches, and as a denomination if we give our best in support of this most trusted and successful plan for fulfilling the command of Christ as given in the Great Commission.

Danger In Satisfaction

By Marion W. Perry, Philadelphia Businessman

It is natural to be satisfied with success. Baptists have been gratified by the success that has attended the Cooperative Program. This success has not been attained by a road run by seven-league boots. Step by step, little by little, bit by bit, and goal by goal we have prospered because we have exercised the qualities of concentration and perseverance. We have sought Spirit-led discernment of our objectives. We are thankful for the great vision which led to the creation of this unified method of stewardship.

I am glad to be a part of a church and a denomination which has a plan with the vision and love embodied within the Cooperative Program. Together we have seen increase after increase in total gifts each succeeding year, and we have seen our people grow in acceptance of its plans and purposes. Yet, let us pause and realize that a person, a church, or a denomination is never more on trial than in the moment of excessive good fortune.

"Nothing succeeds so well as success," spoke French statesman, Talleyrand. This is a time when we can easily be

tempted to rely upon the attainments achieved. Success produces confidence; confidence relaxes industry; and this relaxation brings negligence which allows that which has been attained by great effort to be lost. It will be easy for a spirit of complacency to envelope us.

Our time of success must also be a time of vigilance. This vigilance must be a personal thing both in our attitude and our giving. It must be personal for us to keep our church aware of the danger of satisfaction with victories already attained. Otherwise, our remarkable success could become the cause of our failure.

"Feeds All The Family"

By S. E. Platt, M.D., Columbus

To me the Cooperative Program is the logical way to make a fair distribution of available funds to the various organizations of Southern Baptists. If we view these organizations as children of a family who have to be supported from the same budget, some plan must be devised to give each one its fair share of financial support.

There is one drawback to the Cooperative Program unless each Christian keeps himself well informed; this is the lack of personal contact. When each organization had to make its appeal directly, our people were kept informed. Now, unless individuals put forth the effort to read from our denominational literature or unless our pastors keep all of our organizations before us, then the needs that are closest to us loom large on our horizons and we lose sight of the whole program.

We are all by nature selfish, and it is easy to find excuses why we need money for this project or that program. But like the widow's oil, if we by faith put Christ's great commission first, there always seems to be a way to work out the local problems, and we are happier Christians for having made the sacrifice. But if on the other hand, we lose sight of our world program we find ourselves going in circles and losing our vision, and "where there is no vision the people perish."

A Business-Like Way

By M. D. Reagan, Carthage Businessman

I like the Cooperative Program. It provides a means by which each giver can share proportionately in every cause. It puts proper emphasis on each phase of our denominational work, and strengthens our faith as we join with others in world-wide causes. It enables each giver to have a worthy part in Christian education, provides loving care for our orphans, shares in the healing ministry of our hospitals, and enables us to give to mission causes around the world.

I can remember how our mission money was divided before the Cooperative Program was adopted. Someone representing each cause would come to our church and make an appeal for funds. Usually the one making the most persuasive and convincing appeal got the most money.

Under the Cooperative Program an impartial board studies the comparative needs of each department and allocation is made on its findings. When a church makes a contribution through the Cooperative Program each member of that church has the satisfaction of knowing that his gift is helping in all denominational causes proportionately according to their needs.

Its best method to send our tithes and offerings, whether large or small, to all parts of the world, and its also the most economical way.

It is an orderly and business like way to do the biggest job in the world. Through the Cooperative Program our church answers the call of Christ to go, and the cry of the lost to come—and present the gospel to all the people in the world. The Cooperative Program provides the best means by which each Christian can obey the command to "go ye into all the world."

AREA SS MEETINGS

A series of three area meetings for Baptist Sunday School associational officers will be held in the state Oct. 24-25-26.

The meetings will be sponsored by the Sunday School Department of the Mississippi Baptist Convention Board, according to Bryant M. Cummings, Jackson, secretary.

Conferences will be held for those leading in every age group with a trained leader for each, as follows:

Cradle Roll—Carolyn Madison, Jackson; Nursery—Mrs. Judd Allen, Jackson; Beginner—Mrs. Charles Martin, Jackson; Primary—Mrs. H. L. Green, Jackson; Junior—Bill Duncan, Jackson; Intermediate—Mr. Cummings; Young People—Pat Gullledge, Grenada; Adult—James Chatman, Nashville, Tenn.; Extension—Judd Allen, Jackson, and General Officers—Earl Waldrup, Nashville.

The meetings will be held from 7:00-9:15 p.m.

Those to attend the meeting most convenient will be a sociational moderators, Sunday School officers and superintendents of missions.

There will be conferences to provide materials and a practical explanation of "how to use" the associational materials.

The schedule follows: Oct. 24—First Baptist Church, Batesville; 25—Center Terrace Church, Canton; 26—Calvary Church, Columbia.

Revival Dates

Siloam, West Point: October 23-28; Dr. Robert R. Soltau, New Orleans Seminary, evangelist; R. P. Barker, music director at Siloam, song leader; Rev. William F. Smith, III, pastor.

North Carolina Baptists contributed \$5,487,383.70 to state and world mission causes through the Cooperative Program in 1965—an increase of 6.77 percent over the previous year.